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YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
FOR NEW ENGLAND

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Minutes, 1877.

1, At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland, Maine, commencing on Seventh day Sixth Month 9th 1877.

2. Our beloved friend Charles R. Tucker, who for several years past has acceptably served this meeting as clerk, having been removed by death since our last Yearly Meeting, and our Discipline providing that in the absence of the clerk, the Assistant clerk shall act in that capacity during the first sitting William O. Newhall will serve the meeting during this session.

3. By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting viz:-

From Rhode Island.- Obadiah Chase, Nathan Chase Albert K. Smiley, Hiram Buffinton, Benjamin Buffum, Joseph E. Macomber, Benjamin F. Knowles, Asa Sisson, Charles H. Earle and Samuel R. Buffinton.

From Salem,- John Paige, Joseph Cartland, John H. Crosman Moses Huntington, James P. Boyce, Moses F. Rogers, Thomas Folsom, William Forster Mitchell, Thomas Wood, Joseph S. Nichols, Moses Sawyer, Benjamin H. Jones, Alvin Hoag, Robert S. Brown, Joseph Haines.

" Sandwich.- Newell Hoxie, David H. Akin, Gideon Gifford, Josiah Holmes, Jr., George Howland, Jr, David Kelley, Charles Taber, William C. Taber, Henry T. Wood, Otis Slocum, Jonathan Cowen, John F. Tucker and Edward W. Howland.

" Falmouth,-Abram Wineslow, Nathan Pope, Timothy Hanson, Levi Morrell, Abert F. Minott, Augustus F. Coy, George Douglass, Charles W. Webber, Charles H. Goddard, Ezekiel Varney, Jr., Samuel Jones, Stillman Estes, Henry F. Newell

" Smithfield - Richard Battey, Thomas Grover, Francis H. Inman, Timothy H. Earle, Reuben A. Wheeler and John B. Daniels

" Vassalboro,-John D. Lang, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Jonathan Estes, Chas B. Cates, Stephen Jones Robert Hanson, Alfred H. Jones, Jedediah J. Varney, Clement R. Jones, Ebenezer Frye & Josiah Philbrook.

From Dover,- Joseph H. Ratt, Eli Paige, Timothy B. Hussey, Tobias Meader, Albert C. Buffum, Samuel Buffum, Russell Hoag, Albert C. Hill and Ira T. Jenkins.

" Fairfield,- T. Warren Hawkes, Joseph C. Briggs Joseph Taylor, Reuben T. Jones, Moses Briggs, James Plummer, William P. Winslow, George Richardson and Edward Wing

Whose names being called they are all present except five, for the absence of two of whom, satisfactory reasons have been assigned.

5. Our beloved friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite, from London Yearly Meeting, is acceptably in attendance of this Yearly Meeting, and has presented credentials of unity & sympathy from Holm Monthly Meeting and the Quarterly Meeting for Cumberland & Northumberland, held in the third month and from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and elders held in London in the Sixth Month 1876: all of which have been read.

6th We have the acceptable company, also, of the following beloved friends from American Yearly Meetings; viz: Rebecca Collins & Samuel Miles, from New York Yearly Meeting; Deborah C. Thomas, from Baltimore Yearly Meeting; Allen Jay from North Carolina Yearly Meeting Edward C. Young and Amos M. Kenworthy from Ohio Yearly Meeting; John Jessup from Indiana Yearly Meeting; John Y. Hoover Barclay Jones & George C. Dillingham from Iowa Yearly Meeting; who produced certificates from their respective meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements

7th Phebe H. Kenworthy, an elder, accompanying her husband, Amos M. Kenworthy, with a minute of unity from Columbus Monthly Meeting Ohio; Anna Potts, accompanying our beloved friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite, with a minute of unity from the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia, for the Western District; and Henry A. Jepson companion to our friend John Y. Hoover with a minute of unity from Springdale Monthly Meeting, Iowa, are acceptably in attendance.

8. We have received truly acceptable epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Friends in Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and from the Monthly Meeting of Friends in Brumana, Mt. Lebanon, Syria.

9. These communications of brotherly love and interest have been very satisfactory and encouraging to us at this time, and our beloved distant friends have been brought affectionately to our remembrance; and, we appoint the following named friends a committee to prepare essays of epistles to those meetings respectively, including London and Kansas Yearly Meetings, from which as yet no Epistles have been received this year, viz: - William C. Taber, Joseph Cartland, Eli Jones, James P. Boyce, J. William Jacob, I. Warren Hawks, James G. Arnold, Albert H. Smiley, Timothy H. Earle, George Howland, Jr., Josiah Holmes, Jr., Samuel R. Buffington, Henry T. Wood, Joel Bean, Timothy B. Hussey, Matthew Howland, John F. Tucker, George Richardson, Samuel Buffum, James Plummer, Malliah Gifford, Benjamin F. Knowles, Thomas Wood, Joseph E. Macomber, Albert F. Minott, Charles H. Jones, Samuel Jones, Charles B. Cates, Gideon Wood, Joseph E. Briggs, David H. Akin, Charles M. Jones and Josiah Philbrook,

10. We appoint our friends Eli Jones, Samuel R. Buffington, Henry T. Wood, Augustus F. Cox, Jacob H. Purinton and George Douglas a committee to unite with a similar committee of Women Friends to make all necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of this Yearly Meeting, as way may open in the truth. Also to propose times & places for the various committees to meet, who are now, or may be under appointment in the service of this meeting.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. Assembled pursuant to adjournment.

11. George Howland, Jr. on behalf of the Representatives, informed the meeting that they were united in proposing the names of William C. Newhall for Clerk, Henry T. Wood for Assistant clerk, and Timothy B. Hussey for Assistant Reader; which nominations being severally approved by the meeting, they are appointed to that service the ensuing year.

12. Our several Quarterly Meetings report that they have directed their Treasurers to pay their quotas of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of this meeting.
13. Our beloved Friends, Thomas H. Ladd & Seneca H. Stevens, from New York Yearly Meeting & William Wetherald from Canada Yearly Meeting are acceptably in attendance of this meeting with certificates from their meetings respectively, expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements.
14. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence, presented the following report, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence report that the interests of the institution confided to them have received their attention. The practice pursued in former years of visiting the school at stated periods, by the general committee, and in the intervals between such general meetings, by a sub-committee, has been continued While some of the committee have attended all the general meetings, and many others several of them we have to report that some of those under appointment by the Yearly Meeting, have failed to be present at any of our meetings, during the year.

The condition of the school in all respects, as we believe, fully sustains the view presented by us last year; its efficiency for high moral & educational culture is not in any degree impaired, the religious element which has been so marked a feature in the school and family continues, & great harmony has prevailed. The health of the family for the year has been unusually good. There has been a great increase in the number of pupils pursuing a regular course of study, which has given a more permanent character to the school; the present graduating class is much the largest (18) since the establishment of the course.

The number in attendance upon the school the past year has been for the autumn term 105 boys & 91 girls; & for the spring term 97 boys & 95 girls; of these 106 were members of our religious society, 84 from New England

and 22 from other Yearly Meetings. The average attendance of members of our own Yearly Meeting is larger this year than last, which is encouraging and satisfactory to us.

At the Yearly Meeting last year a minute was made authorizing the School committee to make sale of such portion of the school premises, if way open for it, as in their judgement will best promote the interests of that institution, first obtaining legal authority from the Supreme Court of Rhode Island, to sell, convey & dispose of all said lands or any part thereof.

To carry out the directions of the Yearly Meeting as above cited, the committee at their first meeting after the adjournment of the Yearly Meeting appointed a sub-committee of their number for that purpose, who, thro' counsel made application to the Supreme Court of Rhode Island for the required authority, which resulted in obtaining a decree of that court dated "March 10th 1877," giving to the Yearly Meeting "full power & lawful right, and authority, at any time, and from time to time, to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of, discharged of the trusts of said deeds or either of them, such part or parts of the land conveyed by said deeds or either of them, as may not, in the judgement of said Yearly Meeting of Friends be needed for the use of said school" a copy of which decree, in full, is herewith presented.

The committee have directed that the entire school premises be regularly laid out, and plotted with reference to such contemplated sale, and are able to report that they have, within the past few weeks, effected the sale of one lot on the corner of Hope Street and Lloyd avenue, with a reasonable expectation of a demand for others before very long.

The grading of Lloyd Avenue (as was intimated in our report last year) necessitated the lowering & re-setting of the fence for some distance on the line of said avenue, and also the building of another fence on the top of the embankment, for the greater protection of the girls play-ground, which has been done.

In the early part of the school year, the committee on repairs was authorized to make such changes as they might deem necessary in the windows in the centre-building of the house, and also to enlarge

the drying-room connected with the laundry; they reported in the 4th month that they had changed all the windows in the front of the house & some on the north side, at a cost of about $1.318; that they have raised the roof of the wash-room & have also added 30 feet to its length, and have made a drying room over the same, costing about $1650.

The following statement represents our financial condition:

General Fund

Balance on hand last year	$ 40.85
Income from the fund	6387 87
Return premiums of insurance	347.50
	$ 6.776.22

Payments

Paid premium of insurance	$ 512.50
Paid Albert K. Smiley, principal	6263.72
	$ 6776.22

Charitable Fund

Balance on hand last year	$ 969.70
Income from the fund	2421.05
	$ 3390.75

Payments

Paid School bills	$ 2400.00
Balance on hand	990.75
	3390.75

The receipts and expenditures of the school for the year 1876-77 as nearly as they can be ascertained at the present time, are as follows:

Income of board & tuition	$ 36,795.37
Income of fund	6263.72
	$ 43059.09

Paid for salaries	$ 13983.00
Paid for wages	5674.53
Paid for provisions	13914.19
Paid for fuel & light	2714.45
Paid for water	321.99
Paid for repairs $ 4212.49 for incidentals 238.44 =	4451.93
Profits year 1876-77	2000.
	$ 43.059.09

In the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting subject to the direction of the committee

By balance from last year	$4811,98
By amount received for interest	122.
	4933.98

To cash paid James Tillinghast two bills	487.45
To cash paid City of Providence, tax	2982.65
To balance on hand to new account	1463.88
	$4933.98

The names of the officers and teachers for the year which will close with the present term are comprised in the following list:

Albert H. Smiley, Principal
Daniel C. Mayfield Governor & teacher of English branches,
Thomas J. Battey, teacher of Natural Sciences
John M. Potter, teacher of Mathematics
Francis B. Gummere, teacher of German & Eng'l branches
Seth H. Gifford, teacher of Latin & Greek
Rebecca H. Smiley Principal of Female Department
J. Oscar Winslow, Assistant teacher of Latin & Greek
Alice M. Mayfield, Governess & teacher Eng. branches Winter term
Susan S. Moore, Governess & teacher English branches Spring "
Besse T. Wing, teacher of French, History & Literature
Martha S. Read, teacher of Mathematics
Hannah E. Bean, teacher of English branches
Mary Anny Collins teacher of English branches
Antoinette A. Babcock, teacher of Drawing & Painting
Joel Bean, clerk and accountant

Meetings for religious worship have been continued at the school on First and Fourth days at 11 o'clock A. M. A number of these have been attended by different members of the committee with feelings of satisfaction and comfort. The afternoons of First day, as heretofore, have been occupied with Scripture lessons.

We propose that the charges for board and tuition for the ensuing year be;

For members of our Yearly Meeting $100 per annum
For members of other Yearly Meetings or where one or both parents are members of our religious society

or for scholars sent at the expense of such $192.
For all others who may be admitted $300
one half payable at the commencement of the year
and one half at the opening after recess. An additional
charge of ten dollars each to be made for one year's
instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German or
Drawing.

On behalf & by direction of the Committee
George Howland, Jr., Clerk

Note. The Autumn term begins 9th mo. 77 and closes 1st mo. 23d 1878
Winter recess begins 1st M. 23d 1878 " 2d " 9th 1878
The Spring term " 2d mo. 6. 1878 " 6th mo. 24. 1878

Applications for admission to the school should be
made seasonably for the meeting of the committee
on the 31st of Seventh Mo. next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will
have precedence of all others to that date; after which,
applications will be acted upon in the order in
which they are received. Those who desire the benefit
of the charitable funds should apply at the time
specified. In all cases of application on the fund,
full answers will be required to a series of questions
which will be furnished to the clerks of the several
Monthly Meetings, or whom the applicants will
please call for such questions.

All applications should be sent to the Principal
Address, Albert K. Smiley, Friends' Boarding School
Providence, R. I. Which having been read [Sup. 10]

[Decree of Court above referred to (Copy)

Providence sc. Supreme Court
October term 1876.

Yearly Meeting Friends for New England
vs. Equity
Willard Sayles, Attorney General No. 1383.

The above cause came on to be
heard at the above term before the full Court upon

bill and answer, and counsel were heard thereon, and thereupon, upon consideration thereof, it was adjudged decreed, determined and declared, that said Corporation complainant, both under the deed to said complainant from Moses Brown and others dated the ninth day of the eleventh month (November 9th) A.D. 1827, a copy of which is annexed as exhibit B. to said bill, and under the deed to said complainant from Thomas Lloyd Halsey and others dated the third day of November A.D. 1841 a copy of is annexed to said bill as exhibit C., has full power & lawful right and authority, at any time, or from time to time in its discretion, to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of, discharged of the trusts of said deeds or either of them, such part or parts of the lands conveyed to it by said deeds or either of them, as may not, in the judgement of said Yearly Meeting of Friends be needed for the uses of the School in said bill of complaint referred to; the proceeds and rents of all lands so sold, leased or otherwise disposed of nevertheless to be taken by said complainant under and at all times applied to and for the uses and purposes of the trusts declared by the deeds aforesaid from said Moses Brown and others to said complainants; but no portion of the lands covered by the present school buildings or immediately connected with the same, and needed for their convenient use for the purposes of said School to be sold or otherwise disposed of without the further leave of this court.

Entered as the decree of Court 15th day C. T. 1876 (March 10/77)

By order

Herbert Almy, Assistant Clerk

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Providence sc. Clerk's Office Supreme Court

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original bill in Equity, Yearly Meeting answer and final decree in cause in equity Yearly Meeting of Friends vs. Willard Bayles, Attorney General, as appears by files and records in said clerk's office now remaining. In testimony I herto subscribe my name & affix the seal of said Court this 14th day of March A.D. 1877

(Seal) Charles Blake, clerk]

15. Which [report of the Committee in charge of the Boarding School] having been read, and seriously considered is approved by this meeting. We appoint Obadiah Chase Samuel R. Buffinton, Joseph Cartland, John H. Crosman Henry T. Wood, Matthew Howland, Samuel Jones, Charles W. Webber, Abel C. Munroe, Timothy K. Earle, Thomas B. Nichols, Charles B. Cates, Ira T. Jenkins, Albert C. Buffum, Isaac Winslow and Henry Winslow a committee to join a similar committee of Women Friends, to present at a future sitting the names of Friends for a committee to have the charge & oversight of that institution for the ensuing year.

16. The following friends, Obadiah Chase, Joseph S. Nichols, Maltiah Gifford, Samuel Jones, Garrus G. Arnold, Caleb Jones, Jacob H. Purinton and Reuben T. Jones are appointed a committee to prepare a summary of the Answers to the queries from our Quarterly Meetings, and present it to our next meeting.

17. We appoint Benjamin F. Knowles, Moses Sawyer Matthew Howland, George Douglas, Thomas A. Wheeler, Charles B. Cates, Albert C. Buffum & Reuben T. Jones, a committee to audit & settle the Treasurer's account to the present date, to propose a sum to be raised sufficient to defray the expenses of the meeting the ensuing year; also to propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer, & the name of a Friend for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund and report to a future sitting

Adjourned to 10 o'clock on 2d day morning the 11th.

Second day morning 6th Month 11th the meeting again assembled. Representatives present except two.

18. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this meeting:

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas Harkness to the station of elder, and with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abel F. Collins, and Electa Jane Collins, and with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth H. Potter to the same station. Anna Mott, an elder & member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting

died 6th month 17th 1876, aged 78 years, 11 months & 19 days. Hannah Dawe, an elder and member of the same meeting died 4th month 3d 1877 aged 72 years, 5 months and 9 days. Debrah Howland, an elder, died 5th month 27th 1876 aged 81 years, Perez Peck, an elder, died 6th month 15th 1876 aged 86 years and 9 months. Jonathan Freeborn, an elder 8th month 26th 1876, aged 82 years, 4 mos 10 days, all members of Greenwich Monthly Meeting; also, that it has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in laying down Smithfield Preparative Meeting and the meeting for worship occurring on the same day, and conveying the members thereof to Providence Preparative Meeting

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that Stephen A. Chase an elder, and member of Salem Monthly Meeting deceased 7th Month 26th 1876 aged 79 years, 11 months & 4 days. Abijah Johnson a minister and member of Weare Monthly Meeting, deceased 9th month 9th 1876, aged 77 years, 2 months & 27 days. Eunice Sawyer, an elder and member of the same Monthly Meeting deceased 4th month 21st 1877, aged 96 years & 26 days. Alice B. Hoag, an elder, and also a member of the same meeting has removed within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting

Sandwich Quarterly reports that Mary Gifford, an elder, and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, deceased 8th Month 5th 1876, aged 89 years, 10 mos & 26 days. Mary Stowe a minister, and member of the same meeting, deceased 8th month 27th 1876, aged 92 years 9 mos and 9 days.

Joseph Taber an elder & member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting deceased 12th mo. 2d 1876, aged 77 yrs, 9 mos, 9 days

George Abbey, an Elder and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting deceased 12th mo. 1st 1876 aged 77 years, 6 days

Charles R. Tucker, an elder, and member of the same meeting, deceased 12th month 21st 1876, aged 67 years, 9 mos, 16 days

They also inform that they have discontinued Pembroke Monthly Meeting & have united the members thereof to New Bedford Monthly Meeting

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that Nicholas Sanford a minister & member of Durham Monthly Meeting, died 16th of 3d month 1877 aged 73 years 4 mos 16 days.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that Hannah Cosman, a minister & member of China Monthly Meeting died 10th mo. 2, 1876, aged 86 years & 3 mos.

Otis Hawes, an elder, and member of the same meeting died 11th mo. 26th, 1876, aged 83 years & 11 mo's

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abigail Beede to the Station of elder Cynthia Buffum an elder and member of Berwick Monthly Meeting died 11th mo. 21st, 1876, aged 70 years, 10 mo's & 6 days,

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sarah M. Richardson to the Station of elder and with St. Albans Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Irene a Winslow to the same Station

Lydia Taylor, an elder, and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, deceased 2d mo. 6th 1877. aged 77 years and 7 months.

19. Upon reading the changes reported from our Quarterly Meetings, caused by the death of so many of our beloved aged Friends, concerned brethren were led to exhort us who are still living, to renewed diligence that our day's work may keep pace with the day; that our work may be done and well done, for the time is at hand. And the solemn inquiry was made are we ready for the change which may soon overtake us. The Meeting with deep searching of heart under, as we believe, a precious covering of the Lord's Spirit, then proceeded to consider the State of Society, by reading the Answers to the Queries received from our Quarterly Meetings; and having proceeded therein by reading those of the first, which gave occasion for much earnest counsel from beloved brethren, the Meeting adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. Assembled pursuant to adjournment

20. Our dear friend Francis T. King, an elder, is acceptably in attendance of this meeting, & has presented a minute of unity from Baltimore Monthly Meeting.

21. The meeting now proceeded to the consideration of the remaining Answers. During the course of this examination, a covering of Divine love and favor was spread over us, under which, much pertinent counsel and encouragement were imparted by

beloved brethren in attendance. In the review of our spiritual health, wherein the state of all our members is before us, and even the nominal member as well as the true membership of the church of Christ is accounted for, occasion for thoughtful consideration & solemn responsibility was given us. And first with reference to the due attendance of our meetings for the worship of our Father in heaven, we find that as heretofore, deficiencies are reported.

Strong are our desires that all who have known in any degree a death to sin and a new birth unto righteousness may be engaged to meet with their brethren to wait upon the Lord, to worship him in truth and to feed upon the bread of life. And could our absent brethren know in deed & in truth, that we were thus blessed in our religious meetings, could we say to each, "Come with us and we will do thee good", we believe that many of these would gladly repair to the feast, with the response, "We will go with you, for we have heard that God is with you". With reference to the gospel fellowship which should every where characterize the followers of Christ, we were reminded that very little could be done for the help one of another, which had not its root and spring in his love. Having accepted Christ as our atoning sacrifice and experienced the forgiveness of sin, as we now yield to the baptism of the Holy Ghost & of fire, all that is opposed to his will, is burned up within us. His love is shed abroad in our hearts, and this love gives us power & influence not only to reach & overcome but to win others.

We were earnestly exhorted as Christians, not only to the diligent reading but to the careful study of the Bible. What ever may be our station in the church, whatever our rank or age in life, each needs its deep instruction & counsel in every path of duty as well as its rich promises in the inseparable trials & vicissitudes of life. And to him who is called to teach others, or to preach the everlasting gospel, the obligation and the need is still more imperative. A mine of wealth and instruction so rich and so varied can never be neglected by any who would heed the injunction, "Study to show

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thyself approved unto God". If the tree is made good, the fruit will be good also. If our abiding in Christ is steadfast, not only will the causes of weakness and deficiency be removed, but the fruits of the Spirit wherein our Heavenly Father is glorified, will be brought forth in us. Fervent are our desires, not only for ourselves, but for all our members that as a result of this days search & inquiry, through the efficacy of the blood of Christ, and by submission to the power of the Holy Spirit the Spiritually diseased among us may be healed, and that those who have departed from us may return, so that with renewed health and vigor, the Church may grow up into him in all things, who is the head, even Christ.

Summary Answers, 1st All meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except a number where from the small membership or inclement weather they have been omitted at times, and at two small meetings in Salem Quarter, where the meetings for worship have been omitted during the winter. First day meetings generally well attended by most Friends.

Those in the middle of the week & for discipline are too much neglected by some. The Hours nearly observed. Mostly clear of unbecoming behavior.

Some care taken.

2d Love and unity are maintained with little exception. Detraction is not fully guarded against, and care is taken to end differences when they appear.

3. Many of our members are concerned to maintain a religious life and conversation, endeavoring by example and precept, to train up those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession. Some, however, are comparatively indifferent to this important duty.

4. The practice of frequently reading the Holy Scriptures collectively in our families, is common amongst us as a religious duty, and many are also interested to peruse them in private, while a few are suffering

from a neglect of this salutary engagement. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry appears to be maintained with a few exceptions.

5th Friends are careful to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors with a few exceptions; mostly careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character and to observe true moderation in all things.

6th. The circumstances of the poor have been attended to and care has been taken to obtain suitable employment for them. The education of their children has been provided for, with a little exception in one meeting.

7th. Nearly, clear in the several parts of this query.

8th. Friends are careful to inspect their affairs & settle their accounts; they are punctual to their promises, just in the payment of debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, with a few exceptions.

9th The records are attended to; there have been a few removals to and from, without certificates, some of which are under notice.

10th The discipline has been administered with Christian tenderness and impartiality, but not so timely in some cases as would be best. And judgement has been placed in the authority of truth and according to our discipline, with a little exception in one meeting.

Salem Quarterly Meeting proposes that the time of holding its Quarterly Meeting be changed back to that at which it was formerly held, viz.

On 3d Fifth day in the First month at Salem
On the 4th Fifth day " " Fifth Month at Providence
On the 3d Fifth day of the Eighth " at Lynn
On the 3d Fifth day in the Tenth " Weare

Which proposition, claiming the consideration of this meeting, is united with and the change is made; and the clerk is directed to inform that Quarterly Meeting of the action of this meeting.

23. Wrightsborough Quarterly Meeting proposes that their Quarterly Meeting be held on Seventh day instead of Fifth day of the same week as formerly, and that it continue two days with two sessions each day, one at 10 o'clock A. M. & one at 2 o'clock P. M.; that the meeting on Seventh day at 10 o'clock, after a devotional

pause, be devoted to the business of the church. The Meeting on Seventh day afternoon and those on First day be public meetings and a part of the Quarterly Meeting. This meeting concludes to make the proposed change, and the clerk is directed to inform Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting that the change is accordingly made. Adjourned to meet in joint session at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third day morning, Sixth Month 12th, the meeting assembled in joint session, pursuant to adjournment

24. The Committee on General Meetings made the following report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The joint committee on General Meetings, present their report as follows:

There have been fourteen General Meetings and series of meetings held, one each at New Bedford, Nantucket, Bolton, Worcester, Northbridge in Massachusetts; at Burrillville R. I.; and at Augusta, Readfield, Albion, Vassalboro, China, South China, Belgrade and Winthrop in Maine.

We believe all these meetings have been blessed to those who have attended them. They have differed in character, some being more occupied in preaching to the unconverted the way of salvation, while at others there has been more teaching to those who had already a hope in Christ - how to follow him more fully - but we believe the blessed Master has owned them all by his presence and the baptism of the Holy Spirit has been known

Since we have come to Portland, many earnest testimonies have been given us to the benefit derived by those who have attended these meetings

We would recommend the subject to the continued care of the Yearly Meeting,

On behalf of the Committee

Eli Jones

Portland 6th mo. 11th 1877. Anna G. Wood

which being read was very interesting & encouraging to us, and believing that the meetings held under the

care of this committee, have been a blessing to the church the past year, as in previous years, and feeling that the Lord will still bless their meetings, as they continue to be held in the authority of Christ, our Holy Head, the meeting concluded to continue the same committee on this important service, viz:- Eli Jones, William C. Taber, Anna G. Wood, Sarah W. Goddard, John Cartland, Lydia Haight, Richard Battey, William C. Newhall, Thomas B. Buffum, Moses Bailey, Rebecca H. Smiley, Anna T. Dennis, Abigail M. Hanson, Susan T. Thompson, Timothy B. Hussey, Edward M. Collins, Jane C. Minott, Phebe P. Jones, Hannah G. Sawyer, Matthew Howland, Henry T. Wood, Edward M. Hodland, George Bowen, David N. Akin, Abigail C. Beede, Joseph E. Macomber, J. William Jacob, Joseph H. Pratt, Harriet D. Collins, Harriet N. Jones, Sibyl Narcissa Jacob, William Thompson

Our Quarterly Meetings, are requested to appoint committees to co-operate with the above committee, as heretofore.

25. The committee to promote Scriptural instruction in Bible Schools made the following report viz. -

That they have given attention to the object of their appointment. Correspondence has been kept up with the Schools throughout the Yearly Meeting and the registration is reported as follows;

[Digest from the printed circular]

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting - Whole number teachers and scholars, 495; last year 525; decrease of 30. Teachers, 43; last year 42; increase of 1. Friends 259; last yr 267; decrease 8

Salem Quarterly Meeting. - Whole number teachers & scholars 238; last year, 318; decrease of 80. Teachers 25; last year 28; decrease, 3, Friends 164; last year 216; decrease 52.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. - Whole number 519; last year, 655, decrease 40. Teachers, 66, last year, 66. Friends 254 last year 242; increase 12.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting. Whole number 358; last year, 362; decrease 4. Teachers 46; last year, 42; decrease 2. Friends, 207; last year, 205; increase 2.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. Whole number 240; last year 280; decrease 40. Teacher 24; last year 24, decrease 3. Friends, 182; last year 162, increase 20.

Dover Quarterly Meeting. Whole no. 159; last year 157; increase 2. Teachers 13; last yr. 13. Friends 110; last year 106; increase 4.

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Fairfield Quarterly Meeting. Whole number 360; last year 285; increase 75. Teachers 35; last year 23; increase 12. Friends 168; last year 134; increase 34

Totals, - Decrease Whole No. 214; teachers, 9; Friends, 92

Totals, Increase Whole No. 161; teachers 20; Friends, 60

Final result. Whole number balance decrease throughout the whole Yearly Meeting, 53. Teachers, balance increase 11. Friends balance decrease 32.

New schools, 8. None discontinued

Notice. - (Printed sheets showing these statistics in detail have been prepared, and a limited number can be supplied at the clerk's table)

From these facts we see that the blessed work of grace that has been known in our Eastern Quarterly Meetings of Vassalboro, Fairfield & Dover has been sensibly felt in this field of labor.

In the other Quarterly Meetings there has been a serious falling off in numbers. We fail to encourage Friends in these sections, especially in schools which have been established for some time to renewed efforts & greater faithfulness. We know how easily comes the excuse, "I have been a teacher for so many years & I must be released". To such we would say that there is no release in this war.

Our meetings are small; our numbers are but few. We need every one in the schools; every man, every woman, every child. Were we more numerous, we could afford afford to leave out some, but we cannot afford it. We need all our members in our schools.

There may be some, who by age, or infirmity or sickness, may be unable to meet with us, but in their case we ask for their prayers & influence to help the work.

And when one enlisted, enlist for life. It is not a question of attractiveness, or taste, or ease. When we have attained to the pleasure of the first real sacrifice for the Lord, all other considerations fade away.

New England has a fair reputation as a moral and enlightened land; but we who know its inner life, know what a field of labor there is in New England for earnest, faithful work in Bible Schools.

Our Society has claims upon us, inasmuch as its very life may be largely fed by the little springs that well up in this gospel ministry and service.

We desire that the coming year may witness renewed efforts and be crowned with gratifying results.

We recommend that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated for the use of a new committee to defray the expenses of the past year, for which no especial appropriation was then made

On the Committee

Charles Taber
Anna B. Wood

Portland, 6th mo. 15th 1877.

which report exhibits a general, and, we trust, deepening interest in the study of the Holy Scriptures among our adult members as well as children; and in compliance with the recommendation contained in the report, we appoint Samuel R. Buffinton, Ellen K. Buffum, John H. Cossman, Deborah W. Cossman, George Haviland Jr., Anna B. Wood, Henry F. Sewell, Maria B. Jones, Richard Batty, Susan Ann Gifford, Stephen N. Taber, Mary E. Taber, Jacob H. Durfee, Lydia E. Jenkins, Joseph E. Briggs, and Harriet N. Jones a committee to produce at a future sitting, the names of suitable Friends to constitute a committee for similar service the ensuing year.

26. The committee on Education have presented the following report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee on Education Report that they have attended to their appointment, and that William F. Mitchell has visited a few of our meetings to complete his service of last year and to interest parents & children in denominational schools.

The committee are in much sympathy with a large number of gifted children who earnestly desire a thorough education and have not the means.

The general diffusion of knowledge in this age of the world admonishes us that as a Society we must educate all our youth according to their capacity if we would do the great work assigned to us, neglecting, so far as we are instruments, neither the spirit nor the intellect. Many promising young men & women are going from us, and the usefulness of many who will remain with us, will be much less than it otherwise would be, because

1877. we have no complete organized methods & means of aiding their education. Our ~~necessities~~ is clear & certain; it is funds the income of which would furnish free Scholarships.

The committee are unable to recommend ways & means for raising such funds. But they are constrained to keep this weighty interest before the church and to commend these persons to its prayerful interest.

It is also the desire earnest of the committee that our members should realize that learning is never only to be partaken of & to fit for business, but that its highest aim and purpose is to discipline the immortal mind And, moreover, that the crowning excellence & perfection is in the school of Christ.

The importance of being well instructed how to teach in a Society constituted as the Society of Friends is, must be apparent to all, and we, therefore, again commend the subject of Normal Schools to the weighty & careful consideration of the meeting.

We are unable to produce correct Statistics, because of the neglect of a few persons, & therefore omit them altogether.

The committee have expended one hundred dollars of the one hundred and fifty appropriated last year, & suggest that the remaining fifty dollars be left subject to the order of the committee next year, to be used for gathering Statistics, and for awakening a greater interest in denominational Schools

On behalf of the Committee
Augustine Jones
Deborah W. Evesman

We appreciate the attention which our committee have given to this important subject, and would urge parents & others having the care of children, to a hearty co-operation in seeking to provide for them ample educational advantages in Schools under the controlling religious influence of Friends; and we direct that the sum of fifty dollars remaining unexpended of last years appropriation be left at the disposal of the committee which may be appointed to this service the ensuing year, in order to enable them to pursue their labors in this cause.

The nominating committee appointed in reference to Bible Schools, are requested to produce, at a future sitting the names of suitable Friends to constitute a committee on Education. Adjourned to meet in joint Session, this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Afternoon. Assembled in joint Session, pursuant to adjournment.

2d. The joint Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following report, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

The joint committee appointed to take charge of the subject of Foreign Missions present the following report, viz:-

In order that the Yearly Meeting may understand the progress of our mission at Bruinard during the past year and its present state, we will give some extracts from Theophilus Waldmeier's own account. He says, Our Heavenly Father has graciously brought us safely to the end of this year. Wonderfully has he helped & strengthened us in the midst of much labor of different kinds. The building of the Training Home has been carried on with great success. The first and second stories are completed and are now sheltered by a temporary roof. By the end of the summer we hope to enter into our new establishment if the Lord wills.

The Industrial School is going on well. We are manufacturing cedar and olive wood work which we hope to sell in England, America, Sweden and other places. The children like to learn some practical work, and it is found that some handicraft together with study is good as it not only keeps the pupils in good health, but opens their minds. There is a hope that this branch of the work will not only support itself but assist in the support of the mission.

(Some of this work is now in America and will be in Portland, probably during the Yearly Meeting.)

The fruit trees and vines planted by our English & American visitors last year are doing well, and on the top of Kouisee, a young apple tree planted by Eli Jones, bore fifty apples during the last winter. More fruit trees have been ordered.

The people have very little occupation & we are having all the work done by the inhabitants of our Mission Station. By so doing they learn to work well, get bread for their families, become attached to the Mission and we have

an opportunity to teach them the way of salvation.

Some of them lately said: "If we had not been engaged in building the training home, we and our children would have perished by starvation. Thanks be unto God for the means whereby our lives have been preserved.

Meetings. All our various devotional meetings have been regularly held, and, in general, very well attended. Our Monthly Meeting has been held on the appointed day of the month, and it is always a time of blessing and spiritual comfort to us. Six new members have been added during the past year and more have applied for membership, but have not yet been received because in these things, it is better to go on cautiously than to be hasty.

Our First day meeting is, as usual, well attended, the number present, from 80 to 100. In the afternoon we have a First-day School of men, women & children. There is also a meeting every Fourth day at eight o'clock in the evening.

The Schools, have been uninterrupted except during the time of the silk-worms, the Fourth & Fifth months when we had to give holidays, as this is the time when every body is very busy in order to earn bread for the whole year. Two more schools have been opened at Mansourieh, one for girls and one for boys. The people there are all Greeks, very poor and ignorant, needing our Christian sympathy.

The teacher of the Training Home reports, "Theophilus Waldmeier & his wife come daily to our school looking after everything. He is looking after the schools, and she is looking about the kitchen and bedrooms. They take a very affectionate interest in the temporal & spiritual welfare of the children. The children have, in general, made very satisfactory progress in the last year, especially in Bible History. They answer very promptly & earnestly at our First day School which is regularly held by Th. Waldmeier. Oh, what a very great difference it is already between these children - ~~who have learned to love their Savior~~ - and the dark, ignorant people of the villages; and what a great blessing it will be for the people, when these children - who have learned to love their Savior - will one day go forth from this institution, as men of God, in the power of the Holy

Spirit!, Remember us in your prayers, for our Mission work in this benighted country is not an easy task."
(The children at the Training Home are orphan boys, some of whom were begging their daily bread, with no prospect of anything better. Now they are being taught habits of industry, and bid fair to be useful members of society.)

Report of Joseph Chatar, Teacher of the Roomy School, which is supported by English & American Friends.

Roomy is about 15 minutes from Brummana. It contains about 800 inhabitants belonging to the Catholic & Maronite churches. This village is one of the poorest in Mount Lebanon and one of the darkest spots in our mission field. If the Lord Himself had not established this our School in the midst of this terribly dark region it would be quite impossible for any one to have a Protestant School here.

This School is the smallest of all our Schools, but not the least important. I have twenty five boys at school daily who study elementary knowledge, especially the Holy Scriptures which make them "wise unto Salvation." The bishop and the priest together use all their power to hinder our mission and to stop our School at Roomy, but their excommunication & threatening have been without any result. Some of the priests said to me," We shall not rest until we have destroyed your School, because you are against the Pope who is the representative of Jesus Christ." I said," You are not able to destroy this School, because it is not my School but it is the Lord's, who has established it upon his own foundation. How can you destroy it?" No answer I got from the priest, who went away at once.

Report of Serafy Doumane, Mistress of the girls' School at Mansourieh which is supported by English & American Friends.- Nearly one year, I have been at this village teaching the girls. It was very hard for me at the beginning because every thing was new and difficult. The people here had never seen a girls' school, and though they are only one hour and a half from Beirut, they are very ignorant, and sunken very deeply in all kinds of superstition. The people here belong to the Greek Church which does not so much oppose the good works of the missionaries. The Greek priest is very friendly towards the School

and towards myself. Thirty girls are coming regularly to school. You must know that I have to begin to teach them A. B. C. which is called in the Arabic, Aleph Be. It was very slow work, but now the children spell nicely, and some of them can read in simple books. They have learned very nice hymns and also Bible history. Writing is getting on very slowly with the girls. I have taught them also needlework, which they like very much, and which is much appreciated by the people here.

Theophilus Waldmeier concludes - "You see that our Heavenly Father has blessed this mission to this benighted people, and he has has enlarged it; it is all his own doing, for which we must be thankful. Now, dear Friends, as the mission has become so large in such a short time, I beg you to help it forward, more & more, by the means which our Divine Master has placed in your hands. I especially ask you to help it by your prayers before the throne of our Heavenly Father and let us work together and reap together with joy"

Summary

The Mission comprehends - the Training Home, now carried on in a hired house, but soon to be transferred to the substantial building now in the process of erection. There are also eight schools in Brumana and the neighboring villages, containing 275. scholars, all under the supervision of Th. Waldmeier but the expenses of some are borne by sympathizing friends in Switzerland.

One man and two women are also employed, who visit among the people, and teach & aid them temporally and spiritually. Religious meetings have been regularly held, twelve persons have been convinced of the principles of the Society of Friends, & hold a Monthly Meeting; the opposition among the clergy has much subsided, and the people in the villages around each school, feel the good influence proceeding from them.

According to our agreement with Friends in England we have forwarded £300 sterling, for the current expenses of the Mission, and also £50. toward the building of the Training Home, but this last is but a small portion of the £300. which we have agreed to contribute for it.

Friends in England have liberally responded to the call, and have sent forward three thousand pounds, but they look to us for what we have promised them, and what will be needed for the fitting up and furnishing of the new Home.

We have told of the progress of the mission, how the rays of the Sun of righteousness now illumine that once darkened slope of Lebanon, and now we must commit the subject to the Yearly Meeting, praising the Lord for what he has done in this cause, and asking the continued sympathy and co-operation of Friends

On behalf of the Committee
Susan T. Thompson, Clerk

Committee on Foreign Missions of N. E. Y. Meeting in account with George Howland, Jr., Treasurer.

1876			Dr.
6mo.	1.	To balance from old account	$572.23
"	10,	To amt rec'd from Swansea Prep. Meetg School	17.39
	"	" " " Fall River " "	9.63
	"	" collected at Newport, viz cash	81.80
	"	from a friend in Ireland, by E. Jones (£2)	10.96
	21	" E. L. Congdon & Elizabeth Smith	50.
7th	mo. 3d	" B. F. Knowles	100.
9	20	" J. W. Earle $25, Phebe Marsh $5.	30.
12	8	" Eli Jones	66.48
1877.	1st mo. 18th	from R. I. Monthly Meeting	50.
	2d mo.	" Wm C. Taber	100.
	"	" E. L. Congdon & E. Smith	50.
	"	" Joseph E. Macomber & a few friends	37.
	"	Subscription at New Bedford	311.50
	3d mo. 14,	" A. H. Smiley from Friends in Providence	91.
	"	15, " Gideon K. Howland	5.
	"	26 " Smith's Neck Meeting	27.37
	4 mo.	5th " Westport	15.18
	"	17 " Jad S. Arnold, Uxbridge Mo. Meetg	47.
	"	23 " Fordyce Grinnell, Wichita	5.
		23 " Sabbath School, Providence J. H. Alward &	6
	5th mo.	7 " Abel C. Munroe, Smithfield Mo. Mtg	27.50
	"	16 " Allen's Neck Meeting	10.25
	"	16 " From dividends at bank, on deposites	84.04
			$1805.53

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8th Mo. 19.	By amount paid for bill on London for £100.		$515.18
1877, 3rd mo. 5	" " " "	£100..	508.56
	15 " " "	£50..	254,80
5th mo. 21	" " "	£50..	262,42
6 mo. 5th	By balance on hand to new account		234,57
			$1805,53

Errors excepted

Geo. Howland, Jr. Treasurer of Committee

New Bedford 6th mo. 8th 1877

Which has been read & accepted.

The information which the committee has thus been able to lay before us, respecting the fruit of Christian labor in Syria, on the part of English & American Friends is of deep interest, and we desire that all may be stimulated to a faithful discharge of whatever service in this direction, the Lord of the harvest may call for at their hands. The same committee, with the exception of Ellen L. Congdon, removed from within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, and the addition of Sarah F. Tobey and Eliza P. Varney is, continued for service the coming year.

Names of Committee. Eli Jones, Joseph E. Macomber, Timothy H. Earle, Rebecca H. Smiley, John H. Crosman, Thomas Wood, Susan Taber Thompson, Deborah W. Crosman, Harriet N. Jones, George Howland, Jr., Sylvia C. Howland, Charles M. Bailey, Albert C. Buffum, Ann B. Earle, Charles C. Varney, Lydia Ann Cartland, Abby S. Battey, Lydia E. Sawyer, Mary B. Bread of Weare, Anna G. Wood, Charles B. Cates, Margaret B. Cates, Obadiah Chase, Julia Ann Hodgdon, Benjamin F. Knowles, Sarah F. Tobey and Eliza P. Varney

28. The committee appointed last year to extend care, counsel & encouragement to Meetings and Friends as they may be drawn in the love of the gospel, have presented the following report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The committee appointed last year to visit Subordinate meetings, report that forty three meetings, including some in each of the eight Quarterly Meetings belonging to the Yearly Meeting, have been visited by members of the committee.

We have also in some places visited families and

individuals, as way opened for, particularly those who for any reason did not frequently attend meetings. In this last named service, especially, much peace and satisfaction has been experienced by the visitors, and some of those visited have apparently been benefited by the manifest interest and sympathy of their friends.

The committee have met with a cordial welcome where they have visited, and in some quarters many were found hungering and thirsting for the Bread and the Water of life.

Many meetings were found to be very small, and the few members composing them much discouraged, because of the lack of Spiritual vitality manifested when assembled together, professing to worship God.

In some places which we have visited, we have found much Spiritual life and earnestness manifested, and in these places the meetings are growing in power, in influence and in numbers.

We have deeply felt the responsibility of this appointment and although we have not been instrumental in accomplishing all we at first hoped to, yet we trust that he who "giveth the increase" will bless the labor to his own praise; and we are united in recommending that it be continued in care of a committee the ensuing year.

By direction of the committee

Portland 6th mo 11th 1877. Hannah J. Bailey, clerk

Which was read and is satisfactory and encouraging to this meeting, and the same committee is continued, with the exception of Phebe S. Gifford, removed from within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, and the addition of Rebecca H. Smiley.

Names of Committee. — Eli Jones, Thomas B. Buffum, Benjamin H. Jones, Lydia Haight, Anna S. Wood, Arminabella E. Wilson, Charles N. Jones, Matthew Howland, Harriet N. Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, S. Narcissa Jacob, William P. Macomber, Esther Jones, Harriet D. Collins, Jane C. Minot, Joseph E. Malcomber, J. William Jacob, John F. Tucker, James C. Boyce, William Thompson, Martha E. Pratt, Sarah M. Goddard, Susan S. Thompson, J. Warren Hawkes, Henry T. Wood & Rebecca H. Smiley.

1877.

29. The committee to whom was referred the concern of this meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, made the following report, viz:- To the Yearly Meeting

Your committee in charge of Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians have attended to their appointment. The official legislative reports 1876-7 show the tribes in about the same moral and social condition as last year, the Passamaquoddies increasing slightly in numbers. We have mainly addressed our efforts towards the educational advancement of this tribe. The school at Peter Dana's Point, near Princeton has at our suggestion been held at a time of year that is more calculated to insure the attendance of the children to whom premiums have been offered with good results, for steady attendance.

Good wall maps and charts have been forwarded for their use at the suggestion of the local Superintendent of Schools. The sum of twenty two dollars has thus been expended in premiums and improved school appliances, supplemented by the gift of one dollar from a member of the committee.

Neither of the tribes has been visited by your committee and we think that an interest in the education of the Penobscots might now be exercised to advantage. One of your committee had a very interesting interview with Governor Selden Connor, of Maine in Second Month. He and his staff visited the school at Dana's Point, while the children were competing for our prizes. He was much pleased with our interest in the tribes, made suggestions as to a class of prizes that would ensure the attendance of every boy in the tribe. The Governor stated he would be most happy to forward any plans we suggested, for the educational elevation of these deeply interesting wards of the State.

P. Rogers, the old teacher, has successfully conducted the Pleasant Point school near Eastport. We think the three Penobscot schools are not on the footing they ought to be, and that the educational and other interests of the tribe deserve our continued care, & that to further that end the sum of $100. be placed at the disposal of the committee for the ensuing year. On behalf of the committee Stephen Grellet
S. Narcissa Jacobs

which was read and is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the sum of one hundred dollars is placed at the disposal of the same committee, which is reappointed with the exception of our dear friend Edward Earle deceased, and the addition of Edward S. Hacker.

Names of committee.- Stephen Jones, John D. Long, James B. Congdon, Henry T. Hood, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Timothy Hanson, George Richardson, Josiah Philbrook, Paul Wing, Augustine Jones, Joseph Briggs, Stephen N. Taber, Hannah J. Bailey, Sarah A. Holbrook, Harriet N. Jones, Peace Jones, Martha E. Pratt, Sarah A. Richardson, S. Narcissa Jacob, Gertrude M. Cartland and Edward S. Hacker.

Adjourned to meet in separate session tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock

Fourth Day morning 6th month 13th.

The Meeting assembled according to adjournment.

30. Salem Quarterly Meeting informs that Lindley M. Osborn has been appointed correspondent of Weare Monthly Meeting in place of Abijah Johnson deceased.

31. Jane M. Ferris, companion to our friend Rebecca Collins, is acceptably in attendance of this meeting, with a certificate of unity from New York Monthly Meeting.

32. Statistics of membership from our Quarterly Meetings have been read, and are as follows, viz:-

Statistics of Membership as reported by the Quarterly Meetings this year.

	Births	Deaths	Moved into	Moved out	Admitted	Released	Present Number	
Rhode Island	5	18	4	3	11	4	667.	Loss 4.
Salem	2	13	5	24	6	2	681	Loss 24.
Sandwich	3	23	2	12	13	2	769	Loss 26.
Falmouth	5	12	18	9	4	0	540	Gain 6.
Smithfield	2	5	0	6	6	5	454	Gain 5.
Wakefield	2	8	1	11	11	1	517	Loss 27.
Dover	0	9	7	4	7	0	333	Gain 19.
Plainfield	3	5	6	3	18	0	446	Gain 21.
Total	22	93	43	72	76	14	4407	Total loss 42.

1877.

The Committee on the concern of this meeting for the improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi River report as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the concern of this meeting for the improvement of the Western Indians, report that;

The Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs was called together three during the past year; in the fall of 1876, at Cincinnati, and in the spring of 1877, at Baltimore. The Special Committee upon Legislative and Religious Work also held several meetings.

In the Fourth Month last, the committee called upon President Hayes and gave him an account of their eight years work, during President Grant's administration. He received them very cordially, & desired the continuance of Friends in this field of labor, promising his hearty support and cooperation. As the Minutes of the Associated Executive Committee and their Annual Report have been generally circulated in pamphlet form and in the columns of the Review we do not deem it necessary to do more now than express our increased confidence in the work in which we are engaged.

While the material condition of the Indians has greatly improved the past year, the religious & educational interests of the tribes under our care have made more progress than at any former period.

The appointment of Dr. Nicholson as Superintendent of the Central Superintendency and his removal to the West, made it necessary to appoint a general agent to remain at Washington during the past winter. Our late dear friend Edward Earle, kindly consented to take the position, and his presence & labors during the late session of Congress proved to be of great benefit to the various interests of the Indians. The removal by death of this beloved friend has been seriously felt by us. He was a member of this committee from its organization, and most of that time chairman of the Washington committee. He gave his time and means to the cause of the Indians without stint; he visited the Indians at their agencies, and the law-makers at Washington. His heart was thoroughly in the work, and he plead the

cause of the red man as that of a brother. The duty of aiding and encouraging the Mission and schools sustained within the limits of the Quapaw agency, which is located in the extreme northeast portion of the Indian Territory, has as heretofore, claimed more especially our care during the past year.

At the Mission School still under the charge of Asa C. and Emeline Tuttle, the number of children enrolled is reported at 60. with an attendance of 52 composed of Quapaw & Modoc children. The Peoria day school has increased in numbers the past year, the attendance during the fourth month being reported at 56. Agent Hiram W. Jones, in speaking of the attendance upon all the schools in this agency, says; "We consider it a very good showing, that over one fifth of our entire population were in school during the fourth month, and this, too, in the midst of our planting season, when it was necessary for some to remain at home to assist in pulling in the crops". He also says, "The schools have never been so well sustained as during the present year with a more regular attendance and a larger average than heretofore

Commencing as these untutored children do, at the bottom of the scale, wholly ignorant of the language, with no trained habits of thought or of application, and ignorant even of the commonest proprieties of life, the labor of the teacher is arduous & varied, while the progress of the children has been singularly rapid, and their development highly encouraging.

A goodly proportion of the Mission children are reported as having made commendable progress in Reading, and are engaged in the study of practical Arithmetic, Geography and the History of the United States.

E. Tuttle also writes, "The large girls have done all their own sewing this year. They also assist in all the departments of housework connected with the Mission. The boys, too, work well on the farm and in the garden; help to supply the house with wood, water, etc. Their general conduct has been very satisfactory, and their earnest desire to improve does not diminish"

Of the farming operations, agent Jones writes, "They generally manifest greater energy in farm labor

than ever before. Considerable new land is brought under cultivation each year with increased interest to and care for the stock. There are individual Indians who have farms from 50 to 320 acres in cultivation many have to hire hands to assist them, which they do with their own means. The Modocs (those who have no connection with the school) have planted 170 acres of corn this spring. They have 30. acres in wheat which promises a fair yield. They take a pride in caring for their stock & endeavor to live as much like white people as they can. They have also furnished their own clothing without expense to the government.

These people (the Modocs) still maintain their ground on the temperance question, not one of them having been intoxicated since they came to the Mission, though they have often been tempted by the offer of liquor at their homes and in the neighboring settlements.

The Quapaws continue in an unsettled condition with respect to their home. The government has instructed them to join the Osages, but they refuse to go, saying they cannot give up their home and the School.

The health of the Indians, not only at the Mission, but throughout the agency, has been comparatively good during the year, with fewer deaths than heretofore. Some of the Mission children have suffered from chills and fever which is incident to the climate

Of the religious interest in the Mission & among the Indians, as reported in the accounts of the First Day Schools and of their meetings we continue to receive encouraging evidence. Emeline Scott writes that in all the tribes there are individuals, who are, from time to time, brought to inquire "What shall I do to be saved?" She says one old Indian man walked 15 miles last week to urge us to come and organize a meeting among the people. He seemed highly pleased when we told him that when opportunity offered we would come and give him a chance to be one with and like us. Touching instances are from time to time reported of the simple faith and

Christian experience of the Indians, both children & adults.

Emeline Tuttle writes under date of 12th month 4th, "Yesterday during our little meeting connected with the Sabbath School, we received a wonderful baptism, similar to what we had before vacation. The children all renewed their covenants with the Lord; even our little Artie crept under the table, and the tears dropped down his little cheeks. A stranger present from the North said it was to him the best meeting he had ever attended. After meeting an old Indian woman begged me to go to one of their cabins and have a little meeting. I took a few of the girls and went. There was quite a little company met together, and but one could speak English; we used her for an interpreter. The Spirit of devotion and prayer was poured out upon us, so that all felt the power that prevailed." During the fifth month a series of meetings was held successively at the Agency and the different schools. At one of these an aged Indian attended, and his broken utterances comprising somewhat of the simplicity and truth of the gospel, were taken down in shorthand and ran as follows:

"I like this kind; I am happy to day. He that loves his brother is good; if we have this love of God, we love every one in this world. God love world - so much - entirely. He gave his Son to die for us. If first hear this gospel from these Quaker friends. I am not opposed to any way so we walk together in the light, for he that walketh in the light shall not stumble. My friends, listen to these words. Listen! He says, 'I am with you always.' Let us so love one another in a friendly way. I may deceive you but I cannot deceive my God. This is the way; let us walk this way together. We do not love always here. The day will come when all these tears & sorrows will pass away. My friends I am at peace with God, and it is not in my heart to hate any one. I say let us work together and explain this Gospel. Let us have power and fruit in our hearts. Then it will be well with us when we meet in that happy land where all our tears will be wiped away."

Of the amount appropriated by the Yearly Meeting in aid of this concern, the Committee have expended the sum of Six hundred & thirty six dollars & eighteen cents.

In conclusion, never has this work seemed more arduous and difficult, never have our faithful workers in the field more needed our sympathy & prayers, and never have we felt more encouraged to keep the subject of the general welfare, including the civilization and the Christian nurture of these people upon the attention of Friends

On behalf of the Committee

Portland 6th mo. 12th, 1877 Edward W. Haviland

This satisfactory and encouraging report which has now been read, together with very interesting remarks from our Friend Francis T. King of Baltimore, a member of the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs of Friends in America & several other Friends, in testimony of the extensive & arduous services rendered by one of our committee, the late Edward Earle, has brought the memory of this dear Friend very fresh to our minds, and we renewedly feel the loss which the church has sustained, as well as the cause of that poor & hitherto down-trodden & much abused race, in his removal from the church militant.

And believing that further labor by a committee would be of great benefit to those Indians, the same committee is continued for service the ensuing year with the exception of our Friends Edward Earle and Amos D. Purinton, deceased; and they are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this meeting for a sum of money not exceeding eight hundred dollars, to aid them in carrying on their work.

Names of Committee.- Joseph Haviland, Joseph E. Macomber, Sarah F. Tobey, Charles F. Coffin, Moses Sawyer, Ann Maria Coffin, Hannah B. Sawyer, Edward W. Haviland, Henry T. Wood, Phebe Slocum, Rebecca Ewer, Freeman Andrus, Charles A. Richie, Jane E. Minott, Myra E. Frye, Richard Batty, Ann B. Earle, Abby S. Batty, John D. Lang, Charles B. Cates, Margaret B. Cates, Louisa L. Osborne, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna N. Hussey, Maria Purinton, Moses Bailey, Isaac W. Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey, Lavinia Briggs, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Buffum, Thomas J. Batty,

Rebecca H. Smiley, Charles M. Bailey, Sarah Marble, Timothy R. Earle, Lydia Haight, Mary C. Bayliss, George Howland, Jr., John H. Freeman, David R. Hall, Susan C. Thompson, Cynthia J. Earle, Anna G. Wood, and Thomas Wood.

34. The Trustees of the H. H. Mosher fund have presented the following Statement, which has been read, viz;

Statement of the Income of the Trust Fund of Henry H. Mosher.

1876		Dr.
6mo 13.	To amount on hand last year	$103.22
1877. 6th mo 1st	To income up to date	551.60
		$654.82

On behalf of Trustees
Edward H. Howland
Charles M. Bailey

New Bedford, 6mo. 11. 1877.

1877. 6th mo. 1st The fund consists of one Gold Bond of $10.000. of City of Boston $10.000
Old Savings Bank New Bedford 537.50

35. The Committee appointed to disburse the income arising from the H. H. Mosher fund presents the following report, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting

The joint committee appointed to receive from the Trustees the income arising from the Mosher fund and to disburse the same according to the terms of the donation, report that several hundred copies of a pamphlet written by Joseph Cooper of England, upon baptism & the Last Supper have been purchased and carefully distributed. We have good reason to believe that the circulation of this little work has been timely and judicious. Information has reached us from various sources that individuals into whose hands into whose hands the pamphlet had been placed have perused it with instruction & comfort. Some of these had become convinced of the spirituality of the gospel dispensation and dissatisfied with the ceremonials and rituals in which they had been educated, while they still felt burdened with the consideration that baptism was a binding ordinance.

1877. To this days in particular, the essay has been a means of strength and encouragement.

The committee has also caused the publication of an edition of the Memoir of the late James Backhouse of England, which is now just issued from the press, and has been received from the publisher since the commencement of this Yearly Meeting. Eight hundred copies of this edition have been taken by the committee.

We are unable to state with exactness, the expense incurred, as only a portion of the cost of the last publication has yet been paid, but the full amount will not exceed $4310. No portion of this sum has yet been received from the Trustees of the fund.

On behalf of the committee
Henry S. Wood
Gertrude W. Cartland

Portland 6th mo. 13th 1877.

Which is satisfactory to this meeting, and the same committee is re-appointed for service another year with the addition of Harriet N. Jones in the place of Phebe S. Gifford removed from our limits.

Names of Committee. - The following Friends are appointed to disburse the income from the H. H. Mosher fund; Henry S. Wood, Samuel R. Buffington J. Ellwood Paige, Rebecca H. Smiley, Gertrude W. Cartland and Harriet N. Jones.

Adjourned to four o'clock this afternoon

Afternoon, Assembled pursuant to adjournment

36. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, which are approved, except the report of the committee in reference to the questions proposed by Salem Monthly Meeting, the consideration of which is referred to the Yearly Meeting next year.

37. The joint committee appointed for that purpose propose the following named Friends for a Committee on Education, viz:-

The joint committee appointed to present names to constitute committees on Education & Bible Schools present the following named Friends, viz:-

On Education, Augustine Jones, Matthew Howland, Solon F. Tucker, Caroline Alice Jones, Asenath Tetlow and Rachel S. Howland.

On Bible Schools: Charles Taber, Harriet N. Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, George K. Tarr, Henry Winslow, Elizabeth H. Taber, Lizzie P. Nichols, Phebe N. Wadsworth.

The Committee would recommend an appropriation of $200, for Bible Schools.

On behalf of the Committee
Samuel R. Buffington
Ellen H. Buffum

Portland 6th mo. 13th. 1877.

Which is approved, and the committee on Bible Schools are at liberty to draw on the treasurer of this meeting for a sum of money not exceeding two hundred dollars, for their use the coming year.

38. The Summary Answers from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, together with a minute of that meeting has now been read, and is as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

Summary of the answers to the Queries relating to Ministers and Elders.

Ans. 1st. Ministers and Elders are diligent in attending their meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of their families, with little exception mentioned in the accounts from two Quarterly Meetings.

Ans. 2d. With some exceptions, the lives of ministers & elders are, we believe, in good degree clean and blameless among men, and they are concerned to maintain unity one with another and with the meetings to which they belong, and to labor harmoniously together for the honor of truth.

Ans. 3d. They endeavor to rule their own houses well, and, by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession.

Ans. 4th. Ministers and elders are, with little exception, preserved in love, and are engaged to administer encouragement and counsel as occasion requires, in reference to ministry or conduct, but feel that there is need of more faithfulness in this respect.

During the consideration of the state of this portion of the church as presented by the answers to the Queries the presence of our Divine Master was deeply realized, and we were earnestly exhorted to greater faithfulness in

the occupancy of the precious gifts bestowed upon us by the Head of the church, that those amongst us who are in need of encouragement may be sought out and ministered unto, in the ability which God giveth & not according to the wisdom or discernment of the natural man.

Those who have partaken most largely of the goodness of the Lord, as experienced in the forgiveness of their sins, were feelingly admonished not to overlook their obligations to their fellow-men, especially to such as are living in sin or struggling to be freed from the bondage thereof.

Earnest desires were expressed that the inexperienced or those young in the ministry should be tenderly cared for and nursed by such as have attained to a riper religious experience, and they encouraged to heed the requirings of the Heavenly Shepherd with singleness of heart, looking unto him for counsel & depending upon him for wisdom and guidance in all things. Being assured that as they obey his voice and follow him, he will uphold them and preserve them from all harm.

Both the elders and ministers were counseled to put on the whole armor of God, and in the exercise of living faith, to persevere in the path of duty; and were also encouraged to believe and fully to trust that as they look with a single eye unto the Lord, he will strengthen and guide them in judgement; and that by thus abiding in him the living & true vine, he will enable them to bring forth much fruit, so that Zion will yet arise and come forth in its beauty; and the song sung in the land of Judah be applicable to us & to our children. "We have a strong city, Salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks."

Signed by direction & on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders

John Paige, Clerk

Portland, Maine 6th mo. 12th 1877.

39. The Epistle from North Carolina contained the following postscript.

P.S. We have at this time been brought under a deep sense of our great responsibilities, in view of our

peculiar position and circumstances. Our limits include nine of the Southern States that suffered most from the debasing and demoralizing influences of Slavery, and the devastations of the civil war, and amongst which ignorance prevails in a greater degree, in proportion to the population, than in any other part of our beloved country; many thousands of the people being, according to the latest returns, still unable to read or write. In the presence of the multitudes around us who are looking to us for educational, enlightenment and evangelization, we painfully feel our utter inability, either pecuniarily, or in other ways, to occupy this vast field of Christian labor, in a manner adequate to the pressing need. And we feel called upon in the name of our dear Redeemer, solemnly to invite our brethren of other Yearly Meetings, earnestly to unite with us in the work thus opened before us, in such manner whether by pecuniary assistance, or by active personal co operation, or in both these ways, as may appear to them best calculated to promote the Divine Glory, and to satisfy the just claims of those hitherto neglected and ignorant classes, upon the Christian sympathy of their fellow countrymen.

Isham Cox, Clerk

Which claiming our serious consideration, we conclude to appoint our Friends Alfred H. Jones, Benjamin F. Knowles, Joseph Taylor, Richard Battey, Charles Taber & Joseph C. Macumber a committee to consider the subject and report at our next Session.

40. A communication from a Committee on Foreign Missions of Indiana Yearly Meeting has been received and read, which upon consideration, we refer to the committee just appointed in reference to the subject from North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

41. The Committee on Foreign Missionary made the following proposition, viz:-

The Committee on Foreign Missions request the Yearly Meeting to direct that each Monthly Meeting should appoint a committee of those interested in this work as soon as practicable after receiving this information, to assist in carrying out the concern of the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the committee

Eli Jones, Chairman

Portland, 6th mo. 13th 1877.

1877. Which is approved by this meeting, and the clerks are directed to inform our Monthly Meetings of the conclusion of this meeting.

The Friends appointed on the concern of this meeting on behalf of the Freedmen, present their Annual Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The committee having the care and disbursement of the fund belonging to the Yearly Meeting for the benefit of the Freedmen, make the following report:—

The members of the Yearly Meeting will recollect that two years ago, when the affairs of the Washington Mission were brought to a close, there were thirty five hundred dollars on hand ($3500.). This meeting directed it should be retained in the hands of the committee for the benefit of the colored people of the South. Your committee had an interview with a committee from Indiana Yearly Meeting. Said Meeting had a school at Maryville, East Tennessee, which they proposed we should take for three years, then this Yearly Meeting was to have the property. We were not to spend over fifteen hundred dollars ($1500) a year. After considering the proposition, your committee decided with the consent of the Yearly Meeting, that they would take the school for three years, binding themselves in writing, that they would leave this Yearly Meeting at liberty to decide whether they would take the property or not, at the expiration of that time. Such a bargain was closed with the Indiana Yearly Meeting committee.

Two of your Committee have visited the school and property, and were very agreeably disappointed. They found a large brick building 120 ft. long, 50 ft. wide, two stories high in front and three on the rear, which gives a fine basement above ground. There are two fine schoolrooms one at each end of the building, well furnished with modern forms or desks; both rooms would seat very comfortably, one hundred and fifty scholars. There is a large barn 40 x 40 feet, with a basement the whole size which would make a fine boarding-house at a little expense. There are twenty eight acres of good land, all cleared.

Your committee, or the two who went down, found the Superintendent and his wife well-calculated to have the charge of such an establishment. They have sent out as

teachers, all over the South, forty one of their scholars. They have all had schools averaging about Seventy five pupils. The Superintendent has had reports from the teachers; they are well liked by the people they are located among. Your committee are not prepared to recommend that the Yearly Meeting should take the property at the end of the three years. They recommend the whole subject be left in the care of a committee, said committee to report to this meeting next year, whether they think it advisable for this meeting to take the property or not.

For the Committee

Edward W. Howland
Ellen H. Buffum

New England Yearly Meeting's Freedmen's Fund, in acc't with Edward W. Howland, Jr

		Dr.
1876.		
11mo. 15th	To amount paid Edward Earle	$100.
1877. 6th mo. 1st	" " " Joseph Dickinson on acc't of Marysville School	$1351.68
	" To balance on hand this date	20 19.61
		$3471.29

1876.		
6th mo. 13th	By balance in hand this date	$3045.58
"	" from John C. Cox, balance	329.73
1877. 6th mo 1st	" of interest	95.98
		$3471.29

Errors Excepted

Edward W. Howland

New Bedford 6th mo. 11th 1877.

Which is accepted by this meeting and their doings approved; and we again refer this concern to the same committee for the ensuing year with the exception of Edward Earle deceased; we feel bound gratefully to acknowledge the valuable services rendered by this our late friend. His whole-hearted earnestness & devotion to the cause of this oppressed people, have drawn largely upon his time and means from the very commencement of our work in this deeply interesting field of Christian philanthropy, extending as it has, over a period of thirteen years, & which has been so fruitful in good results. Timothy K. Earle is added to the committee. Names of Committee, Edward W. Howland, Benj^m Buffum, Ellen H. Buffum, Ann B. Earle, Susan Tabor.

43. The Committee appointed at the first sitting of this meeting, to arrange times and places for the holding of meetings and the meetings of committees, are hereby continued for the same service another year; and they are directed to make appointments of meetings upon such subjects as have claimed the attention of this meeting, and upon which committees have been appointed.

Adjourned to three o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth Day afternoon, the 15th, the meeting assembled according to adjournment.

44. Representatives present except ten, for the absence of seven of whom, satisfactory reasons were assigned.

45. New York Yearly Meeting informs that it was the conclusion of that meeting, that its Sessions should be held next year at Glens Falls, New York, commencing on the last Fifth Day in the Fifth Month. The meeting of Ministers & Elders and the Representatives Meeting to be held on the day previous as usual.

46. We have this day adopted the following described Seal, as the corporate seal of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, to wit: An impression into the substance of a paper or wafer of the words

"The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England", in an outside circle, and within that circle, the words and figures, "Incorporated, R. I., 1823; Mass., 1828; Maine, 1875."

A copy of which seal is annexed to this minute.

47. The joint committee appointed for that purpose propose the following named Friends to constitute a Boarding School Committee, viz:-

The joint committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting to propose names to constitute a Boarding School Committee for the ensuing year, present the following, viz; Benjamin Buffum, Charles F. Coffin, George Howland, Jr. Edward W. Howland, Moses Bailey, William C. Taber, Timothy B. Hazen, George L. Collins, Timothy W. Earle, Samuel R. Buffington, Henry T. Wood, Augustine Jones, Richard Battey, William M. Munroe, Thomas B. Nichols, Augustus F. Cox, Ellen M. Buffum,

Ann Maria Coffin, Sylvia D. Howland, Ann B. Earle,
Hannah J. Bailey, Ann K. Colton, Hannah B. Sawyer,
Laura L. Collins, Lydia Haight, Rebecca C. Grinnell,
Anna G. Wood, Deborah W. Crossman, Abby S. Bailey,
Elizabeth H. Austin, Sarah F. Tobey, Esther Jones.

On behalf of the Committee

Matthew Howland
Charity G. Chase

Portland Conn. 13th '77

Which are satisfactory to the meeting, and they are accordingly approved to that service the ensuing year.

48, The Epistle from London Yearly Meeting, the present year addressed to this meeting, has just been received and read, & is very salutary to us, and the allusion to our late dear friend Charles R. Tucker, has brought our beloved brother afresh to our remembrance who since our last annual assembly has been removed from the scene of his earthly labors, to join, we trust, the general assembly and church of the first born whose names are written in Heaven; our hearts are lifted in earnest prayer that the Lord will raise up and qualify other laborers in the field already white unto harvest.

49, The committee appointed to audit and settle the Treasurer's account, report as follows, viz;

To the Yearly Meeting;

The Committee appointed to examine & settle the Treasurer's account, to propose a sum to be raised for the ensuing year, and to nominate a Friend for Treasurer, and another for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund, have attended to their appointment and report as follows, viz:-

Receipts

Balance on hand last year	$15,482.96
From the several Quarterly Meetings	3000.00
Balance due from Vassalboro' Mo. Meeting last yr	68.00
Interest on temporary loans	92.60
Books of Discipline sold	21.00
From Eagle Bank Stock	100.
From Providence City Bonds	238.50
From Dividend Savings Bank	8.02
From Indian Committee last year	13.99
From Committee P. V. Indians, Refunded	28.

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Receipts, continued

From Committee on Temperance refunded	$96.
From premium on gold	4,58
	$19153; 65

Payments

For traveling expenses of Friends	$349,00
For sundry expenses at Newport	409, 65
For legal expenses	35.
For rent Wesleyan Hall, Boston	450,
For Committee on Education	100,
For Printing	433, 17
For Record Book, Postage, Express &c	24, 51
For Committee on Temperance	300.
For Recording Minutes	95, 50
To Committee on Indians west of Mississippi	636, 18
For our proportion to Associated Committee	765,
To Committee on Penobscot & Passamaquod. Indians	50,
For Gas at Newport	10, 50
For Seals for Yearly Meeting	7, 25
For Amt paid Thos Hartness, Treas[r] of School Fund	4019, 00
For amount invested	10000,
For balance to new account	1468, 89
	$19153, 65

These expenditures are all properly vouched for

We would propose that the sum of $3000 be raised for the use of the meeting the ensuing year; that George Howland, Jr., be appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Hartness, Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund

For the Committee

Matthew Howland

Portland 6th Mo. 13th 1877.

Which is satisfactory, and George Howland, Jr., is re-appointed Treasurer for the year ensuing, and our Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward to him their respective proportions of three thousand dollars, the sum proposed to be raised for the use of the meeting this year.

Thomas Hartness is re-appointed Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund

50. The committee on the subject of Peace have presented their annual report, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:-

The joint committee under appointment to dissominate, as way may open for it, the principles of universal peace, report; That during the past year two public meetings have been held, at Windham and Durham, Maine, upon this subject. Considerable also has been done in the dissemination of books and other reading matter calculated to encourage and strengthen a sound public sentiment upon this important question. Several hundred copies of a small work illustrative of the example and testimony of the early Christians upon the subject of war have been purchased & largely distributed among prominent individuals in different parts of New England.

Next to the teachings of the Prince of Peace himself, and the declarations of the New Testament, perhaps no stronger evidence can be produced respecting the correctness of peace principles than the declaration & doctrines of these early disciples, so fully promulgated by their great Exemplar; "I am a Christian and therefore I cannot fight."

The committee still feel encouragement to labor in this cause, from the fact that here and there among the thoughtful, the appreciative and the conscientious are found those who are willing to examine this great question, and who are in good measure convinced that the Spirit of war and the precepts of the Gospel are wholly incompatible.

The amount of money reported in the hands of the committee last year, was $154.74
Of this sum, there has since been expended 70.86
Leaving a balance on hand of $83.88

For the Committee

Joseph Cartland
Abby S. Bailey

Portland 6th Mo. 14th 1877.

Which is accepted by this meeting, and we again refer the subject to the same committee, with desires that they may be blessed in their labors in this direction.

Committee on Peace. Eli Jones, Joseph H. Atwater, Matthew Howland, Edward W. Howland, Joseph Cartland, Charles M. Bailey, John D. Crosman, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles C. Warren, Samuel R. Buffington, George Richardson, Charles Taber, Gideon Wood, Thomas B. Nichols, Henry J. Wood

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George M. Pope, Charles A. Nichols, Ann M. Colton, Susan T. Thompson, Eliza B. Boyce, Gertrude W. Cartland, S. Narcija Jacob, Anna T. Dennis, Joseph E. Macomber, Nathaniel Gifford, Herod Chase, Rachel S. Howland, Abigail C. Bush, Ann B. Earle, Dorcas B. Robinson, Ellen M. Buffum, Abby S. Batty, Sylvia G. Howland, Mary A. Smith, 31. The committee continued last year to labor in the cause of Temperance, now submit the result of their labors in the following report, viz: -

To the Yearly Meeting:-

Your committee appointed in the sixth month last to labor in the cause of Temperance, met at Newport, and after a time of deliberation upon the most effectual means of carrying forward the work, without definite action adjourned to meet at Lynn, in the eighth month following.

According to adjournment, a portion of the committee met at Lynn, and were united in appointing an advocate of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks to labor in the different Quarterly Meetings, his traveling expenses to be paid from the treasury of the Yearly Meeting.

Subsequently, in performing this service, much effort has been put forth in the agricultural districts, against the use of cider as a beverage; a snare which has led thousands into the vortex of intoxication, ending in utter ruin.

Four members of the Yearly Meeting's committee attended the State Temperance Convention, at Augusta Maine. The claims of our cause in the church were abundantly presented and appreciated and much good accomplished. In our own Society many Friends who have heretofore evinced apathy, and in some cases were opposed to the work, have confessed that their hearts were with us and their eyes opened; & upon listening to the cider question has presented to them regard the use of this stimulant as the most dangerous foe to our cause. The question of alcoholic medicines was abundantly discussed, and doubtless has aroused the communities wherever presented, to the fearful danger lurking in this evil.

In all places our younger members appear to be in full unison with the cause of total abstinence.

Some Friends who have within two years disposed the pledge, at the close of these meetings bid God speed to the work.

On all occasions Christ Jesus has been held up as the only place of safety from the tempter; on the whole, the tone of the New England Yearly Meeting on this important subject, has greatly improved; and the increasing interest manifested amongst its members is truly encouraging.

Many thousands of pages of temperance tracts have been purchased and distributed in the different localities among Friends in New England; a potent instrumentality for good, silently, but more effectually, calling the attention of young and old to the great & important question of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks.

But, let us not flatter ourselves that the time has come when we can slacken our efforts in this cause; the liquor interest is always a wrist, while our forces are often times distracted, failing to unite for the overthrow of one of the deadliest evils that afflict our race; we ought to learn a lesson from this, and labor unitedly for the extermination of this fearful evil.

It is a serious question in the minds of your committee whether the time has not fully come, when this Society should issue a call to all the Christian ~~Societies~~ to unite against the "liquor traffic".

Well may the words of our Savior be applied to us; "Let your light so shine before men that others seeing your good works, may glorify your Father who is in heaven" We feel confident that if the religious element in our midst could be concentrated in one direction, to the overthrow of this prolific source of misery and crime, it could not long stand before it; the church hailed, is invincible. It was the petition for the abolition of American slavery, signed by three thousand clergymen of the North, a few years since, that caused our National Legislature to tremble as it never did before; and was doubtless a effectual, if not the most effectual, of any one means for its overthrow; proving itself a powerful instrumentality in hastening the day of emancipation to the slave.

Shall the Society of Friends be found lagging in this great work? Rather, shall we not make an advance movement at once, setting an example for others to follow; kindly but earnest by soliciting their aid, in battling for the overthrow of an evil

which threatens to deluge this fair land with poverty, wretchedness and crime.

Could the curse of Intemperance once be exterminated from our midst, we should have but little need of almshouses, jails and penitentiaries. In the place of suffering and destitution, would be found comfort and competency; "the children of haggard want would sit in the halls of plenty;" Sickness would be robbed of half its power, and gratitude to God would ascend from 10,000 homes where thanksgiving and praise have never yet been heard.

Thus would be fulfilled the prediction of the evangelical prophet; "Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thy health shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy rear-ward."

On behalf of the committee
James P. Boyce
Susan A. Gifford

Portland 6th mo. 13th 1877.

Which was read, and was very cheering & encouraging and our hearts were rejoiced by the reports presented of the increased interest of Friends in this Yearly Meeting, particularly of our younger members, in which is our hope, that the day is not far distant when our Society will be known as a total abstinence Society. The above committee is continued, with the exception of Charles R. Tucker, deceased. The committee is at liberty to draw upon the treasurer of this meeting for the sum of three hundred dollars for their use in the furtherance of this work. Names of Committee:- Joseph E. Macomber Nathaniel Breed, James P. Boyce, Charles Taber, Augustus F. Cox, Edward S. Hacker, Timothy H. Earle, Albert C. Munroe, Eli Jones, Jonathan Estes, Albert C. Buffum, Albert C. Hill, Jonathan Cartland, Joseph E. Briggs, Isaac Wilbur Chartes, Charles W. Goddard, Samuel R. Buffington, J. William Jacob, Ellen K. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland, Lydia C. Neal, Deborah W. Crossman, Susan Taber Thompson, Elizabeth C. Wing, Myra E. Frye, Salome Jane Cox, Susan Ann Gifford, Lydia Haight, Mary C. Jones, Eliza Philbrook, Lydia E. Sawyer, Guilelma M. Purinton, Harriet N. Jones,

Phebe M. Wadsworth, Charlotte D. Holmes, Elizabeth B. Nichols.

52. The committee appointed for that purpose presented the following report, viz;-

The Committee to whom was referred the subject from North Carolina Yearly Meeting and also that from Indiana Yearly Meeting, would report,

They think it would be best to refer the subject from Indiana to our next Yearly Meeting, as way does not open to take definite action at this time,

They would recommend that the Yearly Meeting appoint a committee in relation to the Mission work in North Carolina and in other States of the South, to labor in that field, through such openings as shall commend themselves to them. And we would propose the following named Friends to constitute such a committee, viz;- Benjamin R. Knowles, Joseph E. Macomber, Caledonia Freeborn, Gertrude W. Carland, Joseph S. Nichols, Matthew Howland, Joseph N. Swift, Hannah G. Hoxie, Sarah A. Holmes, George Douglass, Esther Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Alfred H. Jones, Elizabeth S. Frye, Mary K. Jones, Richard Batley, Sarah Jane Swift, Joseph Taylor, Hannah J. Bailey, Albert C. Buffum, Lydia C. Tuttle

On behalf of the Committee

Alfred H. Jones

Portland Ohio. 14th 1877. Annabella E. Winn

Which is satisfactory to this meeting, and the Friends named are appointed to that service the coming year. And the clerk is directed to inform the Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions of Indiana Yearly Meeting, of the conclusion of this meeting in reference to the proposition from that committee.

53. The Representatives report the following named Friends to compose a Representative Meeting the ensuing year, viz;

Thomas Harkness, George Bowen, Gertrude W. Carland, Anna T. Dennis, William C. Newhall, Charles F. Coffin, Abigail M. Hanson, Hannah B. Sawyer, George Howland, Jr., Rebecca C. Grinnell, Susan T. Thompson, George Douglass, Augustus F. Cox, S. Jane Cox, Elizabeth A. Douglass, Richard Batley, Ann B. Earle, Ann K. Collon, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Mary C. Jones, Sarah W. Goddard, Jacob M. Furnitan, Samuel Buffum, Elmira B. Buffum, Lydia E. Jenkins,

Moses Bailey, Reuben J. Jones, Phebe P. Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, George Richardson, Edward W. Howland, Augustine Jones, Thomas A. Wheeler, William C. Taber, Benjamin Buffum, Samuel R. Buffington, Matthew Howland, Ebenezer Frye, Joseph Cartland, Henry T. Wood, Samuel Jones, Moses Sawyer, Stephen Jones, Thomas Folsom.

The names brought forward are approved by this and the Women's Meeting.

54. Essays for Epistles have been read and approved to be forwarded to the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas, also one in which Women Friends join to the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Brummana, upon Mt. Lebanon, Syria.

55. The clerk is directed to sign, on behalf of this meeting, the following minute for our friend Rebecca Collins, and similar ones for Samuel Miles, Thomas M. Ladd, Seneca H. Stevens, Deborah C. Thomas, Allen Jay, Edward C. Young, Amos M. Kenworthy, John Jessup, John G. Hoover, Barclay Jones, George E. Dillingham and William Wetherald, viz:- Our beloved Friend Rebecca Collins attended this meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

56. He is also directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for Francis T. King, and similar ones for Jane N. Ferris, Phebe H. Kenworthy, Anna Potts and Henry A. Jessup, viz:- Our beloved friend Francis T. King attended this meeting. His company has been acceptable to us.

57. This meeting concludes to present to the city government and citizens of Portland, the following minute, expressive of its appreciation of their kindness in offering us the use of this hall in which we are now holding our Yearly Meeting, viz:,

To the City Government and Citizens of Portland:

The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, now in session take pleasure in expressing to the city government and citizens of Portland, our grateful appreciation of your liberality in opening to us the doors of the City Hall for the transaction of our business

and of the uniform kindness and cordiality with which the various ministers and members have been welcomed and entertained.

William C. Newhall
Gertrude H. Cartland } Clerks.

Portland, Sixth Month, 14th 1877.

58. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the extracts of the minutes printed together; and the clerks are directed to cause an edition of (2000) two thousand copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions; and Augustine Jones is appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of this work.

59. The various important concerns which have claimed the attention of this Yearly Meeting, having been satisfactorily disposed of, we can but acknowledge with grateful hearts, the condescending goodness and mercy of our Father in Heaven, in having been with us from sitting to sitting, and that to bless; and, under a precious sense of his felt presence, we now conclude, proposing to meet again at Newport, Rhode Island, in the Sixth month next year, if the Lord permit.

On behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall
Clerk

Epistles (over)

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Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England 6th mo. 1877.

To London

Among the privileges of the believer in our Lord Jesus Christ, few are more precious than the communion of his saints. The parting prayer of our Lord for his disciples was, that oneness might mark their fellowship with each other, identical with the love of the Father, and of the Son. We feel that in his prayer for his people he reveals his will to us. In the unity that binds our hearts in our glorious Redeemer, we most affectionately salute you.

We thought afresh pains us that owing to our peculiar form of recognizing church membership, by birthright and otherwise, that "all are not Israel that are of Israel." An extended missionfield lies within our own borders, amongst those who are but nominal Christians, and who being still "afar off" we fervently desire to see "made nigh by the blood of Christ"

Your epistle for 1877, has not yet reached us; always sound in doctrine and counsel we prize its words of love. Your former epistle reminds us that "we are not our own, we are bought with a price", & has afresh quickened our desires to glorify God in our lives and spread the glad tidings of his salvation

Though our statistics this year do not show an increased membership, yet we thankfully recognize a vital and deepening growth of spirituality in many of our members; especially is this marked among our younger friends, extending in many places even to children. We rejoice to add that many of our younger members are earnest and devoted laborers for the salvation of souls. Hundreds have been turned to the Lord by the ministry of Friends in New England within a few years, under the blessing of our God still the problem which has so often engaged your attention remains without a satisfactory solution, & demands the searching and united investigation of the Society at large. viz: "Why do we fail to gather these to us"?

We mourn, with you, that war is again desolating portions of Europe and Asia, and that the world is so

How to recognize our glorious Redeemer as the Prince of peace.

For nearly two centuries, our Yearly Meeting has been held at Newport, R.I. We assembled this year at Portland, Maine, and have met a most cordial welcome from the municipal authorities and the citizens at large; the Lord's power and presence have been with us, the gospel has been preached in quickening power and many hearts afresh gladdened in the Lord.

Our Foreign Mission report in regard to Brummana Mission on Mount Lebanon evinces that superstition and bigotry are yielding before the light of the glorious gospel of our Lord. Our association in this work with our transatlantic friends has been very pleasant to us, and we are cheered by the munificent liberality of many of your members in aid of the work.

The Western Missions report favorably in regard to the Indians under their charge, especially the "Modocs" not one of whom has been intoxicated since they have been under our care.

Total abstinence is receiving a large share of our attention, and meetings have been held in nearly all the sections of the Yearly Meeting during the past year arousing the church to its true position in confronting this gigantic and terrible curse of Intemperance.

Our Scripture and secular educational interests have received a large share of attention

[P.S. We have had at this time the acceptable company and loving service of our dear friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite a member of your meeting.]

The Lord is still with his people & we feel that a new dawn of spiritual life and prosperity already sheds its rays upon us. For this and all our mercies, we would ascribe the glory to God alone. To him we would once again commend you, with ourselves, in Christ Jesus our Lord

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Wm. C. Newhall
Clerk

To Dublin Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends

Your epistle, recently opened, has reached us and has brought you very freshly before us, renewing our

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sympathy and fellowship with you in Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord.

The cord which has long bound you to us has been strengthened by many new threads of late years.

There are with us, on this occasion, many who by natural relationships or as visitors in your land, have shared sweet personal intercourse and communion with you in your meetings & in your homes. With warm hearts these especially can join their brethren in reciprocating your loving greeting.

We feel with you in your solicitude on account of the darkening clouds which hang over the East in the present revival of the bloody strife of nations.

Very solemn is the call to prayer that we as a branch of the Christian church may not only be "kept from the evil", but be enabled to fulfil the mission to which we are called, by the practical maintenance of that standard of holiness which includes the exemplification and the inculcation of Peace on earth and good will to men.

Our meeting at this time, under many circumstances has been blessed with fresh favors from the Lord.

In our unprofitableness & unworthiness he has not forsaken us but has graciously granted the presence of his Spirit and the ministry of his word, calling us to a purer love and a holier life.

Many subjects of vital importance have claimed our attention. We are increasingly aroused to the duty & exerting our efforts to stay the fearful tide of intemperance, which is spreading such wasting and destruction over our country and the world.

It is a privilege to share with our friends on your side of the Atlantic, a peculiar & deepening interest in the little mission and meeting of our Society on Mt. Lebanon.

With the desire that the stedfastness of faith and in every good work your hands may be made strong by the hand of the mighty God of Jacob we are affectionately, your brethren

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm C Newhall
Clerk

To New York

Dear Friends

Our hearts have been deeply baptized together in love and Christian fellowship, and in the fulness, and in the fulness of our hearts and in a measure of the unchanging love of Christ, we salute you as brethren beloved in the Lord.

We have been edified and strengthened by the London counsel and earnest ministry of many of the Lord's servants from other Yearly Meetings; and we are more & more impressed with the value of Christian intercourse with those who are of the same household of faith.

We notice with deep interest that, in our business meetings the vital concerns of the church the conversion of souls and the wide dissemination of the gospel and its blessed fruits are claiming an increasing share of attention. We believe that our Society has by no means fulfilled its mission; but that its principles being founded in the unchangeable truth, will have sufficient vigor and elasticity to throw off dead ipses and adapt themselves to the new conditions of Society, and the ever-changing demands made upon a live Christian organization.

Our attention has been afresh turned towards the more general diffusion of Education amongst our members, and especially to the higher education of promising young men and women.

We believe that the Society of Friends is, to-day, suffering for the lack of a large body of highly educated men & women whose hearts have been wholly given to the Lord. The Lord does wonderfully bless the rich talents and high culture of those who have put their hands wholly in His hand. We desire to join with you in an earnest effort to raise the standard of scholarship in our Society, remembering that talents & learning are of no avail in advancing the blessings of Christianity unless wholly dedicated to the service of Christ.

Our boarding school at Providence still maintains its large number of pupils and high standard of scholarship; and the religious interest amongst its officers and pupils is unabated.

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Our Syrian mission is in a very prosperous condition. We rejoice that on the slopes of Lebanon there is planted a body of Christian believers, members of our Society, and, still more, that a large number of children are receiving a careful Christian education at the hands of devoted missionary laborers.

Farewell, dear friends; may the different branches of our Society be more & more united together in a bundle of love

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Wm C. Newhall
Clerk

To Baltimore

Dear brethren

In the name of Christ we salute you. Your truly acceptable epistle of 10th month last has been received, the reading of which has brought you very near to us in love.

Though we have assembled, this year, in a new place the blessing of our heavenly Father has attended our coming together, and we have appreciated anew the responsibilities devolving upon us, that in the midst of those unacquainted with our mode of worship, we should walk "even as he walked".

Earnest prayers have been offered that our meeting in this place might be to the spiritual benefit of the people of the city, and that souls might be converted to the honor of the great Head of the church. And because the Lord is gracious, loving ever seeking to bless his children, we look up to him in faith, believing, for we know, "He doeth all things well".

The subject of Education has seriously engaged our attention, and it has been we may say, the concern of this meeting that parents should seek to lead their children to the Lord Jesus, that, first established on the rock of his salvation, they might build thereon to his glory and his praise.

The report from our Boarding School at Providence is encouraging, and the continued religious interest among teachers & scholars, a source of joy to us.

In the cause of Peace as well as Temperance, our efforts are yet called for, while our labors in those directions the past year have not, we trust, been in vain.

From our Mission on Mount Lebanon, encouraging reports have been received, and the light of the gospel has there illuminated many a dark home, bringing its inmates to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

We stand upon the shores of time, and as we have said the parting words to the fathers and mothers in the church, who have gone, since one year has passed, to their eternal home, Jesus our Savior has stood close by, and called upon us to rejoice that lambs were being gathered to his fold, - that children of the very parents first passed on had found in him their all in all. May the God of love and peace keep you evermore, Amen

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Wm A. Newhall
Clerk

To North Carolina

Dear Friends

We salute you as brethren, fellow heirs, and of the same body, partakers also of the promise in Christ by the gospel.

When your epistle was read in our meeting we felt that the dear Master was blessing both you and us; and we were made glad that the Lord had visited you and increased you.

We too can say that a number among us are being baptized by our Lord into one faith and by one baptism, and are being made heirs with you of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. Our hearts are rejoiced to learn that many are being united to your branch of our beloved Society, that our precious principles are spreading and that the name of Christ is exalted.

This Yearly Meeting, the first in Portland, is rather larger than usual, and while many eyes have been turned towards us, as strangers, we can acknowledge that our good Leader has been present to direct our steps, and he has at times filled our hearts with his love, engaging us to walk circumspectly before the people; and we also trust that good seed has been sown which will bring forth fruit

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to the praise of the great Husbandman, who is our Father and your Father, God over all, blessed forever.

We have the company of a number of devoted laborers from other Yearly Meetings, including our dear friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite from England. They have ministered to our instruction and comfort, and their labor of love in the gospel we highly appreciate.

We miss the familiar faces of a number of beloved fathers and mothers in the church who have been removed by death during the past year. But while we mourn their loss, we bless the Lord who enabled them to overcome by the blood of the Lamb, and to work in the vineyard as faithful laborers, engaged to occupy their talent till their Lord should come. We had their company & counsel many years and now, we trust they are safely gathered with the just of all generations, as trophies of redeeming grace. May others be raised up and qualified to take their places by the fulfilment of the ancient promise "Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth".

The report of our committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence shows that institution to be in a flourishing condition. The number of scholars who are members of our Society has increased and we are encouraged by the information that the religious interest which has for several years existed among its teachers & pupils still continues.

The Mission which, in connection with English Friends, we are sustaining on Mount Lebanon in Syria has been blessed and prospered during the year. This work is supported by subscription. Many souls are praising the Lord there, who were once under chains of darkness, superstition and imagery. A Monthly Meeting is established upon that goodly mountain, & we have felt drawn to send them words of cheer and Christian greeting. "At the same time" saith the Lord will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people"

The committee under appointment to hold General Meetings and Series of meetings within our limits, as way may open for it, has held a number of such meetings during the year, & the Master has blessed

the work. A number who are now for the first time in attendance of the Yearly Meeting, confess that they owe their conversion to this instrumentality. We have continued our committee and commend them to the Lord for help and for counsel. The postscript attached to your epistle has deeply interested us. The Lord by his providence has seemed to set you in a conspicuous place among a people greatly in need of Christian help and instruction so that you are, as it were, an important out post of the church.

We sympathize with you as you look upon the wide field feeling like some of old "that the work is great and large, & we are separated upon the wall one far from another".

Our prayer is, that you may not shrink from the work before you, but that, trusting in your invincible Leader you may go in to possess the land, in faith accepting the promise, "every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you"

With a salutation of love we are your friends and brethren

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Wm C. Newhall
Clerk

To Ohio

Dear Friends

Once more, in the Providence of God, we have been permitted to assemble as a Yearly Meeting and in a new place. Yet we feel that the Lord has indeed met us from sitting to sitting and blessed the endeavors of his children to serve him.

Among the several epistles received from other Yearly Meetings, is yours of 8th month last; these have gladdened our hearts. We have with us several of the Lord's messengers from other Yearly Meetings; the bread of life has been broken in our midst and we believe it has been blessed of the Lord to the strengthening of believers, the awakening of the lukewarm & indifferent, and, we trust, to the conversion of sinners. The consideration of the State of Society shows that, whilst we have not attained to the standard set up by our Redeemer, yet, as we can thankfully acknowledge, there has been an improvement over former years.

The reports of our various working committees have

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been highly encouraging. That our Foreign Mission effort shows that the Lord's work is still progressing on Mount Lebanon in Syria, and that the little branch of our church there is being strengthened from day to day, while priest craft, superstition and error are giving way before the glorious light of the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The subject of Education is claiming our attention, we believe more this year than heretofore, and Friends are being awakened to the importance of giving our children not only a thorough secular education but also the opportunity of gaining a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and of the doctrines of the gospel as believed by Friends.

The cause of Peace has lost none of its importance and efforts have been made, during the past year, to strengthen this sentiment in the community at large.

The curse of Intemperance in our land is, we are encouraged to hope, slowly but surely yielding before the persistent efforts of Christian labor in the community. We believe that the only sure antidote for this as for every other evil among mankind is in the religion of Jesus Christ. In this may his followers conquer.

Now, with the assurance that though separated by distance we can meet around our common mercy-seat, and with an earnest desire that we may remember each other in our prayers, we remain your Friends and brothers in Christ.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Wm A. Newhall
Clerk

To Indiana

Dear Friends

We are again reminded, by the reading of your acceptable epistle & the declaration of our Savior that, "one is your Master, even Christ & all ye are brethren" How sweet to feel that, while we are thus distantly situated, we are still the loved children of one common God

Our meeting at this time, is as large as usual, and we have quite a number of messengers from various parts of the Lord's heritage ready to unite with us in celebrating the praises of him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

In our coming together at this time, we have felt the assurance of the Divine blessing in the flowing of life & love amongst us; and we are reminded of the Apostle's assertion "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren". And this feeling of love has been so sweet to us at this time, that we have earnestly craved that we might keep our eyes single to our heavenly Master, that we may be enabled to keep his commandments and abide in his love.

The reports of our committees on the various interests and engagements of this meeting, have brought with them feelings of encouragement, that the Master has owned the work and given his blessing thereto.

In the work of Temperance, which has engaged our attention more earnestly of late, we feel that there has been something accomplished, although there is room for much more. The number of our own members who still indulge in intoxicating liquors as a beverage is very small, and we earnestly hope the time will soon arrive when we may thankfully say there is no member of this Yearly Meeting who makes use of any intoxicant.

We see that a very large proportion of all the misery and crime in our beloved country arises from the use of intoxicating drinks, and some of us ardently desire to labor in the cause of Temperance, the evil is so great in our land; and we often wish that the cause of this evil might entirely and forever be banished from our borders, but in this, as in every kindred work, we feel the necessity of working with clean hands. Pluck first the beam from thy own eye, then shalt thou see clearly to cast the mote from thy brother's eye".

The subject of Education in its various phases has largely engaged our attention; and we have been renewedly impressed with the need that our children may be early taught of the Lord and that they may be well grounded in his love before leaving home to be educated for the business of life.

As the subject of Bible Schools and Bible teaching has come before us, realizing that we have in most of our Schools a large proportion of children not members of our Society, we have felt the importance of endeavoring to instil into their minds the pure principles of the gospel, that, should they be induced to yield to the convictions of the Spirit in their own hearts they may be added to our membership, and thus our meetings be perpetuated to the glory of him who hath entrusted the work to us.

And finally, brethren, we have desired, both for you and ourselves, that we may be so kept by the power of God, that we may continue & abound more and more in his love, and unite in one accord in praising and magnifying the name of our God, both now and forever

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Wm C. Nuthall
Clerk

To Western Y. Meeting

Dear Friends

Under a sense of entire dependence on our heavenly Father and his guidance and protection, with thankful hearts for his continued care over us, we have met in this our annual assembly. With new surroundings, having for the first time left our old accustomed place of gathering we met with the Friends of the eastern part of this Yearly Meeting, who have welcomed us with warm & open hearts.

Our attendance has been large, both of older and younger members, mingling together under a precious feeling of harmony and brotherly love.

We have endeavored to transact the business of Society under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, realizing that all our blessings are from above.

Salutary communications have been received from all the Yearly Meetings except Kansas, with which we are privileged to correspond. Their expression of love & gospel fellowship cheer us on our heavenward journey, and have renewed in our hearts a lively hope that we may

continue under the common leadership of the great Shepherd who goes before & leads us even to the green pastures of life. We have in attendance at this time a large number of gospel ministers from different parts of the land - including the dear visitor from London Yearly Meeting - who have been enabled in the Spirit of Christ and with power to point out to us the way of Salvation, pointing to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world.

The Lord has been pleased to pour out his Spirit upon us abundantly, showing us that the fields are white already to harvest; and may the Lord of the harvest send laborers into his harvest.

The prayer of many hearts is that all may know the Lord from the least to the greatest; that we may lay all upon Christ's altar, knowing that he is a present help in the needful time, and able to save to the uttermost all that call upon him in faith

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we see so many of our younger members in attendance, evidencing a deep interest in the welfare of the church, realizing that the mantle of the fathers must soon fall upon them; and may they go forth in the strength of the Lord, conquering and to conquer, trusting in that holy Arm which will sustain in the hour of trial, and lead them on to mansions of glory.

The subject of Bible schools and the guarded education of the children has claimed the prayerful consideration of this meeting, that not only should we encourage Bible School instruction among us, but that the children might be trained wholly under the care of Friends, and know more of the truths and principles of our Society, fitting them for future usefulness in the church.

The subject of Temperance has claimed our prayerful consideration, and the magnitude of the work has been laid before us, in view of that great evil which is carrying thousands down to the chambers of death, and may our society take the first rank in this great work, trusting in the Lord who will give us the victory.

The reports of our committee on the subject of Peace has again brought before us the great responsibility of the church. May she awake and put on strength in the name of the Lord, shake herself from the dust of the earth, arise and shine; and may the Lord

hasten the day when all nations shall beat their swords into plow shares and their spears into pruning hooks; "nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither shall they learn war any more."

And now, brethren, farewell; be perfect, be of good comfort; be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Wm. C. Newhall
Clerk

Iowa.

Dear Friends

We salute you in the love of the gospel of Christ. Our hearts are made glad in the continuance of our epistolary correspondence and we are sensible it is a means, under the blessing of God, of drawing us nearer together. May its fraternizing influence never be broken. We are glad to acknowledge the kind reception extended to us as a religious body, by the citizens of Portland where we held our sessions this year. We doubt not the change will conduce largely to disseminate our religious views among others, as well as prove an encouragement to greater faith and steadfastness among ourselves.

Education is claiming our attention as important to our welfare as a religious society. By a report from our Boarding School committee we find the School at Providence is in good condition. There is an increase of the children of Friends and an unabated religious interest both in pupils and teachers.

The subject of Temperance is still claiming our attention, and through the efforts of earnest men and women, under the Divine help, there is much being accomplished.

Although some deficiencies have been brought to view in the consideration of the State of Society as shown in the reports of our subordinate meetings we believe there is an improvement in some respects over former

The strife and bloodshed now rife on the eastern continent is cause of deep lamentation & mourning. How great and how much to be deplored are the evils of war! Though God in his omnipotence can educe good from the evil as manifest in our own beloved country, yet are we strictly enjoined not to do evil that good may come.

May we all, beloved brethren, more fully to imbibe those practical principles of peace and love as taught and enjoined by our blessed Lord.

Our meeting has been well attended, and, in the transaction of the business that has come before us, harmony has prevailed.

We have been encouraged and comforted by the company and services of the Lord's messengers from our sister Yearly Meetings who are now in attendance with us.

In love we are your friends

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Wm A. Neuhall
Clerk

Canada

Dear friends

Your epistle has been read to our edification and comfort. Many ministers from other Yearly Meetings have been with us and we have been deeply exercised for the building up of the church. The various interests of Society have been carefully considered, and prayerfully have we sought to strengthen the ties that unite us, by impressing the importance of fulfilling the duty we owe him who hath redeemed us.

Our Boarding School is in good condition preparing our children to become useful members of Society. Our labors in the cause of Peace, and Temperance, and our Mission work among the Freedmen, Indians and the benighted inhabitants at Mt. Lebanon bear fruits that encourage us to continue our care & enlarge our charities.

The report of our committee on General Meetings gives evidence of their great usefulness, and many testimonies of blessings thereby received, quicken and enliven our hearts for renewed labor, fully convincing us of the importance of this concern.

Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead

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our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep thro' the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Wm O Newhall
Clerk

To Kansas

Dear Friends

We have received no epistle from you this year. We are informed that one has been sent to us by you which has not come to hand.

We greatly enjoy these annual messages from our Friends in various sections, & salute you in the love of the gospel. The universality of the love of Jesus, which knows no limit of territory or time, "the same yesterday, to-day and forever," is the uniting bond & vitality of all kindly acts, and, without it, words are nothing. But under its influence we may provoke one another to love and good works, enjoying together the blessings of a common inheritance, and encouraging each other in the performance of our varied duties as servants of one Lord. He has deigned to bless our meeting at this time in renewed manifestations of his glorious presence, and by bringing the hearts of many among us to realize the abundance of the promise, "Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee".

The various fields of labor into which this meeting has entered have had, at this time, our earnest attention and supervision.

The work among the Western Indians now allotted to the Society of Friends by the General Government, has specially claimed our active sympathy. We miss from this work and elsewhere the counsel and assistance of one of our executive committee - Edward Earle, lately deceased - well known to many among you in this connection. His memory will long be cherished by us and others who knew him as a faithful friend of the red man & as a devoted servant of the cause of Christ.

The mission of Friends at Brummana, Syria, is one we think which will deeply interest you. Its success seems now to be assured. A monthly meeting has been established there; and education and industrial training have progressed favorably.

We desire your prayers that we may be guided in these difficult and distant fields of labor.

The subject of Education is one, long an object of our care. We desire that all the Lord's servants may esteem it a duty to take advantage of all possible means and helps — so that the light they would have shine through them may not become obscured by any imperfection in the medium through which it is conveyed to others. We believe the Lord will qualify his servant who is thus faithful, for wider service, and will bless his work.

We are heartily engaged in the great cause of total abstinence, and are urging our members to increased usefulness in Bible schools & Bible instruction.

We desire your growth, with our own, in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord, and subscribe ourselves, your friends and brethren

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Wm C Newhall
Clerk

To Brummana Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear brethren and sisters in the Lord Jesus,

In the blessed communion of saints, and the fellowship of the Lord's children we salute you. How precious the consciousness that the foundation of our simple faith is that of the prophets and apostles, Jesus Christ himself the chief corner-stone: and though far separated from you, yet our spirits are brought exceedingly near in "him" whose name is above every name," the Christ the hallowed name of Jesus.

Eastern news brings tidings of war in the Sultan's dominions, - sad evidence of the unwillingness of the world to acknowledge our risen Redeemer as Prince of Peace. Whilst we recognize your position as a critical one the sweet promises of the gospel give us blessed assurance on your behalf, refreshing as the dews of Hermon. "God is our refuge and strength", is a promise as good to us as to Israel's king. "A very present help in trouble" is still true.

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of Immanuel, God with us, even now; and "Lo, I am with you alway" is as blessed a heritage of his people as when breathed forth from Olivet; the parting legacy of him who lives evermore, mighty to save. "O, what comfort it brings, As the soul sweetly sings I am safe from all danger, Whilst under his wings".

The accounts of the progress of your new Home, of your Schools, your Scholars and their progress, as well as of your attendance of meetings, were encouraging to us.

Our friend Abbot P. Smith interested the Yearly Meeting with details of his recent visit to you; his accounts of the Mission and its work are satisfactory to us.

The cedar and olive wood work on sale at our Yearly Meeting rooms are producing satisfactory results.

Our dear friend Eli Jones (to whom you allude in your letter) is attending this meeting, and still faithfully laboring for the cause at Brumana.

The Lord Jesus has crowned our first gathering at the city of Portland with his presence. His gospel has been proclaimed in fulness and power by his servants from East & West and from Europe also; our hearts have been blended in the unity of his Spirit & the bond of peace.

May the very God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, guard and keep you, & at last, administer to you and to us an "abundant entrance", to join in the triumphant & eternal anthem "Thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood, out of every kindred & tongue & nation & people", is the heartfelt prayer of your friends in Christ Jesus.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

William C. Newhall } Clerks

Minutes 1878

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport, R.I., commencing on Seventh-day, Sixth Month 15th, 1878.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz —

From Rhode Island — Allen Jay, Stephen Chace, Abner Slade, Jacob Mott, Hiram Buffinton, James Dennis, Benjamin Buffum, Albert K. Smiley, Obadiah Chace, Peter H. Collins, Charles W. Earle and Nathan Chace.

From Salem — John Paige, Daniel Beede, Moses Huntington, William O. Newhall, Moses F. Rogers, Joseph Cartland, Owen Dame, Augustine Jones, John H. Crosman, Thomas Folsom, Joel H. Davis, and Charles H. Thorndike.

From Sandwich — George Howland Jr, Edward W. Howland, Josiah Holmes Jr, Jonathan Boyce, William Thompson, Joseph Ewer, John F. Tucker, John A. Macomber, Robert Earle, Charles Fisher, Moses Smith, Henry T. Wood, Gideon Gifford, William C. Taber and David K. Akin.

From Falmouth — George Douglas, Samuel Jones, Augustus F. Cox, Timothy Hanson, Calvin S. Goddard, Charles A. Nichols, John J. Frye and J. Hacker Hall.

From Smithfield — Timothy K. Earle, Alfred Briggs, Richard Battey, Thomas Grover and Paul A. Randall.

From Vassalboro — Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Hartwell A. Jenkins, Charles B. Cates, John Frye, Alfred H. Jones, Ebenezer Frye and John A. Frye.

From Dover — Jacob K. Purinton, Joseph H. Pratt, Timothy B. Hussey, Oliver Meader, Daniel Meader, Ira T. Jenkins and Tobias Meader.

From Fairfield — Levi Jones, Henry Winslow, Joseph E. Briggs, Moses Bailey, George Richardson, Reuben T. Jones, Joseph Taylor and Paul Wing.

Whose names being called they are all present except seven, for the absence of six of whom,

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3. We have at this time the acceptable company our beloved friends, Amos M. Kenworthy and Jac Baker, from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Elkanah Be and John P. Pennington, from Indiana Yearly Me and John F. Hanson, from Iowa Yearly Meeting, wh have presented satisfactory certificates from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity wi them as Ministers, and with their present religi engagements.

4. We have also the acceptable company of William P. Hastings, who has presented a minute from Me bers of the Missionary Board of North Carolina Yea Meeting, stating that he is a Minister of the Society of Friends in unity, and that they approve of h present engagement on behalf of the Freedme

5. Very acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meeti of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Caroli Ohio and Indiana, were now read.

6. The Clerk informed the Meeting that he had received two documents purporting to be Epistles from Western Yearly Meeting of Friends. After a time of serious con sideration, it was concluded to refer both pa pers to the following named Friends, and they are desired to report their judgment thereon at a future sitting, viz: William C. Taber, Joseph Cartland, Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, Edward W. Ho land, Allen Jay and Jacob K. Purinton.

7. The Epistle from Kansas Yearly Meeting for 1876 which was not received till after the rise of this Yearly Meeting last year, has now been read also, the Epistle from that Yearly Meeting of last year; and an Epistle from the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Brumana, Mount Lebanon, Syria These Epistles of brotherly love and regard from our distant brethren have afresh comforted us, and we conclude to set apart the following Friends to prepare, as way may open, Essays

of reply thereto, also to the Yearly Meetings of Iowa and Canada, from which no Epistles have been received this year, viz: Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, George Howland, Thomas B. Nichols, Albert K. Smiley, John F. Tucker, Silas H. Eastland, Joseph Eastland, Josiah Holmes Jr., William Thompson, Joseph Taylor, Charles H. Thorndike, Timothy B. Hussey, William C. Taber, J. Wm Jacob, Henry T. Wood, Timothy K. Earle, Charles M. Jones, Allen Jay, Samuel K. Buffington, Charles B. Cates, Matthew Howland, Benjamin F. Knowles, Richard Battey and Owen Dame.

8. Our Quarterly Meetings all report that they have paid, or directed their Treasurers to pay, to the Treasurer of this Meeting, their respective proportions of Yearly Meeting Stock.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Met pursuant to adjournment.

9. George Howland, Jr., on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William C. Newhall for Clerk, and Henry T. Wood and Timothy B. Hussey for Assistant-Clerks; which nominations being severally approved, they are appointed to that service for the Ensuing year.

10. We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends, S. Elizabeth Malleson, from New York Yearly Meeting; Elizabeth L. Comstock from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Hannah Arnett, Irena S. Beard and Alida Clark, from Indiana Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

11. Our beloved friend Mary White, an Elder, with a minute of unity from Edinburgh Two Months' Meeting, London Yearly Meeting, dated 11th of Fifth Month, 1878, is also in attendance of this Meeting, she being on her way to join, as companion, our dear friend, Sarah B. Satterthwaite, from England, who is now on a religious visit in America, during such portion

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of her remaining visit- as may seem desir
We give her a cordial welcome to our land.

12. Phebe H. Kenworthy, an Elder, accompanying h
husband Amos M. Kenworthy, with a Minut
from Columbus Monthly Meeting, Ohio, and Ph
T. Underhill, companion to our friend Elizabe
L. Comstock, with a Minute from Baltimo
Monthly Meeting, are also acceptably in attenda
of this Meeting.

13. The following changes have occurred in
several Quarterly Meetings, during the past
year, as reported in their accounts to this Meetin
viz:

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that
has united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting
the appointment of Edward Buffinton and Rho
H. Buffinton to the station of Elder, and with
Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointmen
of Samuel R. Buffinton to the same station;
and with the same Meeting in acknowleding
the gift- and approving the public Minist
of Rebecca Anthony. It has united with
South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in establishin
a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders
within the limits of that Monthly Meeting, to be
held on Seventh-day previous to the holding
the Monthly Meeting at Peacedale, in the Four
and Seventh Months, and at Hopkinton in th
Tenth and First-Months, at 2 O'clock in the
afternoon. Elizabeth Peckham, a Minister
and member of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting
deceased Third Month 1st 1878, aged 85 years, 3 Months and
22 days.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has
united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appoint
ment of Alvin Hoag, to the station of Elder; and
that Edward Gove, a Minister and Member of
Seabrook Monthly Meeting, deceased Ninth Month 3d
1877. aged 84 years, 11 Months and 18 days.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that Jabez

Wood has been released from the station of Elder by New Bedford Monthly Meeting; that Leydia Congdon, an Elder and Member of the same Meeting, deceased Seventh Month 9th, 1877. aged 83 years, 10 Months and 22 days; also Eliza C. Davis, an Elder and Member of that Meeting, deceased 11th Mo 26th 1877, aged 78 years, 9 months and 1 day.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Nathaniel Hawkes to the station of Elder; and with Windham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of John Douglas; and with Lemington Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sarah W. Leonard to the same Station; and that Windham Monthly Meeting has withdrawn its approval of the Ministry of Amos Hanson.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that Elizabeth A. Osborne, an Elder and Member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, deceased Fourth Month 22, 1878, aged 91 years, 4 Months and 4 days.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Dorcas B. Smiley, Eliza P. Gardner and Rachel B. Nichols, and in the appointment of Content W. Pope to the station of Elder; also that it has united with China Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Mary G. Jones.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Mary H. Morrell, and in the appointment of Horatio S. Morrell, Eli Page, Ira T. Jenkins, Mary D. Page and Leydia E. Jenkins, to the Station of Elder; and with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Otis Meader and Elizabeth G. Meader to the same station.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Litchfield Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Charles M. Jones,

1878 and in the appointment of Levi Jones, Moses Briggs and Joseph E. Briggs to the station of Elder and with St Albans Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Lindley H. Magoon; that Sarah W. Fa a Minister and member of Litchfield Monthly M ing, deceased Twelvth Month 20th 1877, aged 59 yea 6 months and 24 days; and Mary Ann Bailey an Elder and Member of the same Meeting, deceased First Month 1st 1878, aged 66 years, 9 Months and 19 days.

14. The following statistical information has been received from our several Quarterly Meetings, Viz;

	Births	Deaths	Moved into	Moved out	Admitted	Released	Present Number	
Rhode Island	2	10	8	9	24	1	675	Gain 4
Salem	3	9	14	8	5	8	684	" 3
Sandwich	2	14	5	2	8	2	754	Loss 15
Falmouth	7	8	8	13	35	3	578	Gain 38
Smithfield	1	5	4	6	5	2	445	Loss 9
Vassalboro	3	6	4	7	10	2	524	Gain 7
Dover	2	9	6	6	4	1	333	No change
Fairfield	4	9	2	4	19	3	453	Gain 7
Total	24	70	51	55	110	22	4446	Gain 39

15. We appoint our friends Thomas Buffum John Crossman, Matthew Howland, Samuel Jones, Richard Battey, Alfred H. Jones, Jacob K. Pinnton and Levi Jones, to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries received from the Quarterly Meetings, and present it at our next sitting.

16 We appoint Samuel R. Buffinton, Owen Dame, Matthew Howland, George Douglas Timothy K. Earle, Charles B. Cates, Tobias Meader and Reuben T. Jones, a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer of this Meeting, to the present date; to propose a sum

to be raised sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year; and to propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer, also the name of a Friend for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund, and report at a future sitting.

17. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence presented their Annual Report, which, having been read and seriously considered, is satisfactory to the meeting, and the Friends now under appointment, with the exception of our late friend George L. Collins, are continued for the ensuing year, Viz: Benjamin Buffum, Charles F. Coffin, George Howland, Jr., Edward W. Howland, Moses Bailey, William C. Taber, Timothy B. Hussey, Timothy K. Earle, Samuel R. Buffinton, Henry T. Wood, Augustine Jones, Richard Battey, William C. Munroe, Augustus F. Cox, Ellen K. Buffum, Ann Maria Coffin, Sylvia G. Howland, Ann B. Earle, Hannah J. Bailey, Ann K. Colton, Hannah B. Sawyer, Lama L. Collins, Lydia Haight, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Anna G. Wood, Deborah W. Crosman, Abby S. Battey, Elizabeth H. Austin, Thomas B. Nichols, Sarah F. Tobey and Esther Jones.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In presenting their Annual Report, the Committee in charge of the Boarding School, at Providence, have the satisfaction of reiterating the statement of former years, that the School has received their attention, and that it has maintained its previous standard of efficiency and of high Moral and intellectual culture.

The health of the family was unusually good until after the recess in the Second Month, when a mild case of Scarlet-fever, and one of Measles occurred, and although strenuous efforts were made to prevent the spread of the disease, the efforts did not prove entirely successful, as several cases soon followed. Quite a number of the scholars were in consequence withdrawn, which tended to produce an unsettling effect upon the school.

The responsibility brought upon the Principal and Officers was for a time very heavy, but

1878 they were favored to act wisely and judicious
ten of the pupils had the fever at the school
and five or six others at their homes; while
of the measles there were two cases at the schoo
and one at home.

The school was continued, and the classe
(particularly that of the seniors) proceeded withou
serious interruption. The Committee feel that the
have cause for gratitude, that no serious illne
or death has occurred.

In order sooner and more effe
tually to remove all cause of apprehension
from the minds of the scholars and their
friends, some rooms admirably adapted to
the purpose, located in a building near the
school-house were prepared for the use of the
then remaining patients, to which as soon as
their condition would warrant, they were tran
ferred, and the house thoroughly disinfected,
since which all vestiges of disease have
passed away.

The attendance of the children of Friends has
been unusually large, reaching ninety-five fro
New England and twenty-five from other Yearly
Meetings, nearly all of whom remained through th
year.

The Committee would reverently acknowledg
that the religious interest which for some time has
prevailed in the school has deepened during the
past winter, and we have reason to believe tha
many young hearts have yielded to the loving
invitation of the Savior, and have consecrated
their life and service to Him.

The Meetings for Religious Worsh
on First and Fourth days have been continued a
heretofore, and evidence has not been wantin
that a goodly number of the scholars have bee
engaged to worship in spirit and in truth.

As a result of the re
ligious and moral tone of the School, we are grati
fied to inform the Yearly Meeting, that more than
two-thirds of the scholars, imbued with a love of

their Heavenly Father and with an earnest desire for their mutual benefit, have, of their own accord, organized themselves into temperance Societies (one on each side of the house), holding bi-monthly meetings, having lectures and addresses from some of their own number, and occasionally from others, and have, (with few exceptions,) taken the triple-pledge — to abstain from the use of spirituous liquors, from tobacco, and from profane language — thus saying to those around them, "We believe this to be the way, and we will walk in it."

The harmony and home-like feeling which pervades the School are in the highest degree satisfactory.

The plotting of the school premises, referred to in our report last year, has been accomplished presenting a view of the entire premises with avenues and streets marked thereon, which has been adopted by the Committee, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of our records. The names of the several avenues and streets have been adopted, subject however to change if circumstances require it, it being understood that the premises reserved for the use of the school shall be that portion included between Moses Brown, Alumni, Pennington and Lloyd Avenues, an area of about 16¼ acres, of which no part shall at present be offered for sale.

The Sub-Committee on sale of land Etc., having the matter in charge, is authorized, if in its judgment it is expedient, to lay out, grade and complete, the avenues surrounding the reserved school premises, to curb the side-walk upon the School side of said avenues, and properly enclose the reserved premises. They are also required in the future sale of lots to restrict the purchaser to the following conditions: — No building to be placed nearer the line of the street than twenty feet; the cost of the structure to be not less than $8.000; no building or structure upon any part of the premises to be used for the sale of spirituous liquors. One lot only has been sold since our last report.

From the account of the Treasurer

1878 of the School Fund, we find that he has received

Income from the General Fund	$5.632.7
From the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting-	
income on bonds, proceeds of land sold	272.0
From returned premium of insurance	298.2
Balance due the Treasurer	43.9
	$6.247.0

Payments.

Paid insurance on the property	$ 512.5
" A K. Smiley, Principal, on behalf of the School	5.734.5
	$6.247.00

From the Charitable Fund.

Balance on hand last year	$ 990.75
Income from the fund	2.263.12
	$3.253.87

Payments.

School bills for 23 scholars	$ 2.125.00
Balance in Treasurer's hands	1.128.87
	$3.253.87

The accounts of the Principal of the school sho
the following items of receipts and expenditure

Receipts.

Income from the fund	$5.690.53
" " board and tuition	36.474.00
	$42.164.53

Expenditures.

Salaries	$13.857.50
Wages	5.837.88
Provisions	13.478.67
Fuel and light	2.211.80
Water	297.10
Repairs and replacements	5.021.44
Incidentals, including periodicals, additions to library, medecines Etc.	431.42
Balance of profits remaining	1.028.72
	$42.164.53

In the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeti
subject to the direction of the Committee.

1877 6 mo. 20 Balance from old account	$1.463.88
" " " Received from sale of land	8.525.37
8 " 20 " " " " "	4.687.50
Amt carried up	$14.676.75

	Amount brought up			$14.676.75
1877 9 mo 12	Received from A. K. Smiley			1.309.38
12 " 1	" " Coupons Gov't bonds	$135.00		
	" " Premium on gold	1.03		136.03
1878 3 mo 1	" " Coupons Gov't bonds	$135.00		
	" " Premium on Gold	1.00		136.00
5 mo 30	" " Interest temporary loan			27.63
6 mo 1	" " dividend Five Cts. Bank			7.55
				$16.293.34

1877 6 mo 21	Paid S. Nightingale, brokerage	$ 42.62
8 " 23	" for $12.000 Gov't 4½ per ct bonds	12.844.50
9 " 7	" S. Nightingale, brokerage	23.44
" "	Amount deposited in Five Cents Savings Bank, New Bedford	302.31
1878 3 mo 1,	Paid Thomas Harkness, Treasurer, income of bonds	272.03
4 mo 3.	Paid Wm S. Haines, by order of Com.	240.38
6 " 1	Balance, subject to order of Committee*	2.568.06
		$16.293.34

* At the Meeting of the Committee, 6th mo. 4th, the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting was requested to pay to A.K. Smiley the balance in his hands, to be appropriated to the payment of the tax upon the property.

The following list comprises the names of the officers and teachers for the year which will close on the 25th inst:

Albert K. Smiley, Principal
Daniel C. Maxfield, Governor and Teacher of English branches.
Thomas J. Battey, Teacher of Natural Sciences.
John M. Potter, Teacher of Mathematics.
Francis B. Gummere, Teacher of German and English branches.
Seth K. Gifford, Teacher of Latin and Greek.
Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of Female Department.
Susan S. Moore, Governess and Teacher of English branches,
Bessie T. Wing, Teacher of French, History and Literature,
Martha G. Read, Teacher of Mathematics,
Mary Amy Collins, and S. Elma Winslow, Teachers of English branches.
Antoinette A. Bassett. Teacher of Drawing and Painting.
Allen Jay, Clerk and Accountant.

We propose that the charges for board and tuition remain as last year,

1878 Viz:— For members of our Yearly Meeting per annum $100.00
" " " other " " , or when one
or both parents are members of our religious
society, or for scholars sent at the expense
of such — $190.00
For all others who may be admitted $300.00
One-half payable at the commencement of the
year, and one-half at the opening after recess.
An additional charge of ten dollars each
to be made for one years instruction in Greek,
Latin, French, German or Drawing.
On behalf and by direction of the Committee
Boarding School George Howland, Jr, Clerk
Providence 6th Month 4th 1878
Note.— The Autumn term begins 9th Mo 4th 1878,
and closes 1st Mo 22nd 1879. Winter recess begins
1st Mo 22nd 1879, and closes 2nd Mo 5th 1879. The Spring
term begins 2nd Mo 5th 1879, and closes 6th Mo 23rd 1879

Applications for admission to the school should
be made seasonably for the meeting of the Commit-
tee on the 30th of Seventh Month next.
Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting
will have precedence of all others to that date,
after which applications will be acted upon
in the order in which they are received.
Those who desire the benefit of the charitable
funds should apply at the time specified.
All applications should be sent to the Principal
Address. Albert K. Smiley, Friends' Boarding
School, Providence, R.I.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, Second day Morning the 17th
Second day Morning the 17th.
The Meeting again assembled. Representatives
present except nine.
18. The following summary of the Answers to the
Queries from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and
Elders, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were
laid before this Meeting and read; Viz;—
Answer 1st Ministers and Elders are diligent in
attending their Meetings for worship and discipline

with few exceptions, and careful to promote the attendance of their families.

Ans 2nd. With some exceptions from three Meetings, in regard to love and unity, Ministers and Elders have their conversation clean and blameless among men, harmoniously laboring together for the honor of truth.

Ans 3d. They are careful to rule their own houses well, and endeavor by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession.

Ans 4th. Except in a few instances; Ministers and Elders are preserved in love, administering encouragement or counsel, as occasion requires, in reference to ministry or conduct.

Minute of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders
Sixth Month 1878.

Whilst engaged in the deeply interesting and important investigation of the Condition of this branch of the church, we find with sorrow that deficiencies still exist. We were forcibly reminded that a thorough individual search is needful, that we may fully understand how far the responsibility rests on us.

True humility before the Lord, ever remembering that help comes only from Him, is a situation in which we will be able to put up availing petitions for an increase of pure love to Him, and one unto another, and enable us to hold out the inviting language, "Come follow us as we follow Christ."

Our hearts are filled with desire yet more fully to heed the injunction, "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord," that we may be found watching over one another for good and witness an abounding of that "Charity which thinketh no evil."

May each one of us, whether Minister or Elder, be so firmly established on the sure foundation, that we may be ensamples to the flock, ever careful not to remove the ancient landmarks, but to strengthen one another's hands in every good word and work.

On behalf of the Meeting

John Paige, Clerk.

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19. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by the Yearly Meeting.

20. This Meeting having been informed that the present Edition of our "Book of Discipline", is nearly exhausted, we appoint George Howland, Jr. and Henry T. Wood a Committee to cause an Edition of Five Hundred copies to be printed, with such additional Rules of Discipline as have been adopted by this Meeting since the last Publication, draw on the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting for the expense thereof and place the Edition in the hands of the Treasurer of this Meeting, to be offered by him for sale at fifty cents per copy.

21. The Meeting now entered upon a consideration of the State of Society, as presented by the answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings proceeding therein through the First, after which much pertinent counsel and advice were handed forth by concerned brethren; when the Meeting adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon — Assembled pursuant to adjournment.

22. The consideration of the State of Society was resumed. In this important engagement we were made reverently thankful for the solemn covering spread over us, and the evidence graciously afforded, that faithful servants were qualified to impart salutary and encouraging counsel, advice and warning. In reference to our Meeting together for Public Worship, we were reminded that in our mode of worship there exists the peculiar element of a united participation in the service, all having the privilege of taking part for themselves, each drawing nigh unto God and uniting for His blessing. Without any set form of worship, we ought ever to realize that with us there is the largest liberty, Meeting together as a common body on a common platform; our minds drawn out, one with and for another, linked together in an

earnest, united desire for a blessing, we shall realize that His presence by His Spirit is with those who truly meet in His name, as He promised "There am I in the midst of them;" so Meeting, we shall, when we separate, be able to say that it has been good for us to have been together.

May we prize the privilege which is ours, of drawing nigh unto God early in our assembling together, to wait upon and worship Him. Observation and experience teach, that they who go to Meeting with the Spirit of the Master will be ready at the earliest call to do His bidding.

The power of the Lord is often felt early in the Meeting; and at times even before entering the house. Our Heavenly Father does not hesitate to call his children to service, but is ever ready to use us in His cause; and what a blessing, that we are called to be as mouthpiece for Him to the people. Do not go to Meeting a blank; a deep introversion of soul, before going to Meeting, is a fitting qualification for service. A concern was felt for the Extension of the Lord's Kingdom within our borders, and the prayer ascended—that the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, might be our all-sufficient helper in every good work and service for Him. If those who speak in His name are not worshippers at home and in their daily life, they cannot expect to labor availingly with the people.

We were exhorted to take home with us the exercise of this Meeting, and convey to the absent ones the voice of the Church, which is saying, "Come and help us. Come and help us in our service for the Lord, for we can testify that it is a blessed service."

It behooves us to avail ourselves of the services of our younger members. Many of these have a zeal for the Lord of Hosts. The young men with large minds and warm hearts are needed in our Church, and a place must be found for them, else they may find a home or a field of labor somewhere away from our fold. May the men of God say to each one of these, our younger members, "There is with us a field of service for thee."

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We were entreated to be very tender and careful
young converts. If they feel that they have the wa
sympathetic love and countenance of their older b
ren, they will be cheered and strengthened, wi
out it they may wither and die, and so be lost t
the Church and the world. May we ever appreci
the value of silent waiting upon the Lord, and
offering secret prayer to Him, for many can
testify that he has often been nearest to them
the devotion of the closet. No time is to be coun
lost in which we wait before the Throne of Grace

Love to God and one to another is binding up
all as professing Christians, if our hearts are
filled with love, it will prevent us from say
anything that will disparage the character of a
brother, there will be no room for detraction.

Love to God and love to one another are eve
found to exist together and are the clothin
of the spirit of every true follower of Christ.

God is love and they that dwell in God dwe
in love. As this is our blessed condition, de
traction and tale-bearing will no more be know
among us, the tongue will be bridled, and we
shall feel religiously restrained from speaking
evil one of another. Fathers were impressively
reminded that when they have access to the Thro
of Grace, there is the place to bring their children.
We can present them in prayer, if we have failed
in this direction let us seek for Grace to help that
in future we may be more faithful. Fathers
still pray for your sons and for your daughters.

We were warned
of the certain tendency and poisonous character
of many of the publications of the present day,
which are calculated to draw the minds of the
young from the love of reading good books, an
above all of the Holy Scriptures, which are able
make wise unto salvation through faith that is
in Christ Jesus. Encourage the young to study
the past history of our Society, and its present or
ganization and they will find that our system
is nearer the Gospel standard than any other.

Disciplinarians have their service, Evangelists have theirs; as each keeps to his proper line of duty he will prosper and be an efficient laborer in His cause.

We were encouraged to increased diligence in the faithful maintenance of all our Christian testimonies, and earnest desires were expressed that we might manifest by our life and conversation that we are followers of a crucified and risen Savior.

Summary Answers.

Ans 1st m. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, with the exception of twenty-three definitely stated, while one Quarterly Meeting reports a few omissions; satisfactory reasons being assigned for not holding a part of them, with some care taken.

Meetings on First-day Morning are attended by a large proportion of our members, while those in the afternoon and middle of the week are more neglected. The hour is nearly observed. Friends are mostly clear of unbecoming behavior.

Ans 2nd m. Love and unity appear to be maintained by most Friends. Detraction guarded against with little exception. Care is taken to end differences when they appear.

Ans 3d m. Most Friends are concerned to maintain a religious life and conversation; and with few exceptions, those who have children or others under their care, endeavor by precept and example, to train them up in accordance with our Christian profession.

Ans 4th m. The practice of reading the Holy Scriptures individually and collectively in families, is general among us, and we believe many of our members encourage their children and others under their care in the daily practice of this duty. Our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry is maintained, with a few exceptions.

Ans 5th m. Three of the Quarterly Meetings are reported clear of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage—two nearly so, and within the limits of three seven or eight exceptions are mentioned. Amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character are nearly avoided. Moderation is generally observed.

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Ans 6th The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and they are assisted in obtaining suitable employment. Care is taken to Educate their children.

Ans 7th Friends appear to be clear in the observance of this query with few exceptions in regard to Military matters and oaths.

Ans 8th With few exceptions Friends are careful in the several parts of this query.

Ans 9th Our records are carefully attended to with little exception. A few removals without certificates, some of which are under notice.

Ans 10th Care has been taken to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, though not always as timely and impartially as would be best. Judgment appears to have been placed in the authority of truth, and in accordance with the Discipline.

23. The Committee appointed to examine the two documents purporting to be Epistles from Western Yearly Meeting, have made the following Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:—

Your Committee appointed to examine two papers purporting to be Epistles from Western Yearly Meeting, have given attention to the subject, and after examining the documents and hearing what evidence could be obtained have come to the conclusion that the paper signed by Barnabas C. Hobbs, Clerk, should be received and accredited as coming from Western Yearly Meeting with which we have heretofore corresponded. This is in accordance with the action of the Yearly Meetings of London and Ireland, and with all the Yearly Meetings on this Continent which have had this subject before them.

By direction of the Committee

Newport Sixth Month, 15th 1878. Wm C. Taber

This report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Epistle signed by Barnabas C. Hobbs as Clerk has now been read to our comfort and satisfaction

and it is referred to the Committee on Correspondence now under appointment.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow Morning at 10 o'clk

Third-day Morning, Sixth Month 18th.
The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

24. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians located west of the Mississippi River, report as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:—

The Joint Committee on the Concern for the Improvement of the Western Indians, report that Meetings of the Associated Executive Committee have been held, in the Fall of 1877 at Richmond, Indiana, and at Germantown, Philadelphia, in the Fourth Month, 1878. Sub-committees upon Religious Interests and Missionary Labor, and also to confer with officers of the Government upon the best interests of the Indians, have met at various times during the year, as occasion has required.

Different circumstances have contributed, in the prosecution of this work, to render the past year a season of uncertainty and anxiety. The feeling manifested by some who have influence with the government, of opposition to what has been known as its peace policy in treating with the Indians, the strong efforts which have been made to place the Indian Bureau under the control of the War Department, and the complaints, often prejudiced or unfounded, which have been preferred against Indian Agents and others engaged in the work, have each added to the difficulty and embarrassment. Much faithful and self-sacrificing labor has however been given to the work, and evidence is not wanting that the efforts of the Agents, the Teachers and others in this field of service, have been richly rewarded. The Indians as a whole, continue to improve in civilization, while the endeavors to educate their children, and to bring all classes, Elder and younger, under the influence of the Gospel, have as heretofore, among several of the tribes, received the Divine blessing.

1878 A visit- made in the early Autumn by our
friend Elkanah Beard, and, somewhat- later, b
Lawrie Tatum, to nearly all the Agencies unde
our care, was, as we had anticipated, not- only a
means of encouragement to the Indians and their
white helpers, but was made highly useful to the
Committee by giving us late and reliable infor
mation respecting the advancement of the diff
ferent tribes, as well as their present need.

The Associated Committee have felt
much impressed with the magnitude as well a
the importance of this work and it- seems in
cumbent- upon us as christians to do what-
our hands find to do, while we have the op
portunity, in this field. Under this feeling of
responsibility they felt it- right- to ask the
several Yearly Meetings to forward their pro-
portion of $3000. to Charles F. Coffin, of Richmond
Indiana. Our quota of this sum will be $510.

The School and Mission at the Quapaw
Agency, to aid and encourage which has been
especially assigned to this Yearly Meeting, has
been continued during the year as heretofore.

Its charge was assumed by Emeline Tuttle
alone, as her husband, Asa C. Tuttle, declined the
government appointment, expecting to be ab-
sent much of the time, engaged in religious
service. Her duties at the Mission, always arduous
and sometimes perplexing, have during the past
year been attended by circumstances deeply
trying to faith and patience. The withholding
by the government, for a period of seven month
(owing in part to an informality), of the stipulated
funds to defray the expense of the school and
the long continued illness of Emeline Tuttle
during the Winter and early Spring, were a
part of these trials. Notwithstanding these serious
obstacles, we believe the school has made com-
mendable progress during the year, and the
number enrolled, 68, was larger than heretofore,
Ten of these however were Poncas who were with
drawn early in the year to accompany the tribe

to their new home. The remaining 58 have been under instruction most of the time. Of this number, 20 are pretty good readers, and are studying Geography, Practical Arithmetic and History. Twenty more are indifferent readers, study mental Arithmetic, and a part of them, Geography also. Nearly all of these are also learning to write.

As heretofore the progress of the Modoc children has been particularly marked, as they develope an active brain, and a great ambition to learn. These children have been also more continuously in school and have consequently been less under the retarding influences of Indian life in camp. Indeed we find that the success of the Indian Schools, particularly in their rudimental period, depends largely upon the almost constant influence and control of the Agents and Teachers.

The First-day school and Meetings are regularly held, and many of the children are gaining a knowledge of gospel truth, and numerous portions of Bible History. The people also attend meetings pretty well. Under date of Fifth Mo. 12th, E. Tuttle writes; "Last First-day several of the Modocs were present. Two of the Chiefs spoke, one in English and the other in his own language. The former said 'his heart had felt very glad that day. He wanted to remember what he had heard, for they were good words. He desired to follow the Good Spirit, and wished the children to do the same.'"

Emeline Tuttle also writes that a religious interest appears to be stirring in all the Tribes of the Agency. Last year a General Meeting was held in a grove for these people of various tribes, and at the earnest request of the Indians another was soon to begin at the same place.

She also writes, "We have received all the clothing we have asked for, which has been well selected and suitable." "Notwithstanding" she adds, "clouds have at times gathered thick and fast, and storms have beat upon us, there has never

1878 been a time when, if I would go alone with G
I could not see in the distance the beautiful bo
of promise, which up to the present hour, has kep
me from scattering the children, and I hope no
to be able to close the year thankfully to ourselve
and honorably As the society we represent."

The Committee have expended during the Year
$686,09. Of this amount $ 676.12 has been dra
from the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee
Edward W. Howland,
Newport Sixth Mo. 18th 1878 Anna G. Wood.

This interesting and satisfactory report has
now been read, and notwithstanding the many
discouragements attending our labors in this
field, we feel thankful for the measure of suc
cess which is manifest; and desire in a
prayerful spirit to persevere in the good work a
our Heavenly Father may open the way. Our
friends Elkanah and Irena S. Beard whose late visit to
all the Agencies of the Central Superintendency is alluded
to in the report, and who are in attendance of this
Yearly Meeting have given us some very interesting
and encouraging details of the work. We appoint our
friends Eli Jones, Charles M. Jones, Albert K. Smiley, Charles
F. Coffin, William C. Taber, Anna T. Dennis, Sarah F. Tobey,
Rachel S. Howland, Anna G. Wood and Annabella E. Winn
to nominate a Committee to whom this concern may be
entrusted the ensuing year. The names of the Committee
nominated to be accompanied with a minute, embody
ing the concern of this Meeting in reference to gathering
the Indians into fellowship with the Society of Friends.

25. The Committee on General Meetings Made the
following report, Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Joint Committee on General Meetings present
the following report, Viz:—

Twelve general Meetings and series of
Meetings have been held, Viz: at Fairfield, East Vassal
boro, Vassalboro, Belgrade, St. Albans, Unity and South

China, in Maine; Burrillville and Woonsocket, in Rhode Island; and Smiths Neck, Allen's Neck and Somerset, in Massachusetts.

Reports have been received from those who attended these meetings stating that they were held to good satisfaction, and there was evidence that the work had been blessed.

We would recommend the subject to the continued care of the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee
Susan T. Thompson, Clerk

Newport, Sixth Month, 18th, 1878.

The report is satisfactory, and the recommendation of the continuance of the subject under the care of a Committee, is adopted and with that view we appoint our friends George Douglas, Owen Daine, Joseph E. Briggs, William Thompson, Allen Jay, Richard Battey, J. Hacker Hall, Hannah J. Bailey, Gulielma M. Purinton, Gideon Wood, Mary G. Winslow, Electa J. Collins, Myra E. Frye and Timothy K. Earle to nominate a Committee to whom this concern may be entrusted the ensuing year, and report at a future sitting.

26. The Committee to extend care, counsel and encouragement to Meetings and Friends within the limits of this Yearly Meeting as way might open for, have presented their annual report;

Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Subordinate Meetings report, that we have endeavored to attend to our appointment, and as way has opened for it, have visited nearly every Meeting, with some exceptions in Salem Quarter, and we have also visited most of the isolated families, sick, aged and infirm individuals, and those who for any cause did not attend Meetings, and also those who have recently been received into Membership with Friends.

In the performance of this labor, both public and private, we have realized a mutual strengthening both of the visited and visitors, and especially in visiting small Meetings and afflicted or isolated individuals, we have met with such cordial, appreciative christian

1878 kindness and love, that we have felt that instead of a sacrifice, it was a privilege to attend to our appointment in this service.

In some places much labor has been bestowed and but few results are apparent; while in others, the seed seems to have fallen on good ground and abundant fruit is promised.

Some of the Meetings in the Eastern part of the Yearly Meeting, and most of those in the western part, are in a flourishing condition.

Some meetings in all the Quarters, and especially in Rhode Island and Smithfield are very small, and there is so much lukewarmness and fear of action that we see but little prospect of a growth.

May all our fears be brought to Jesus, and anything that He will own and bless, not be beneath our adoption, whether it be a form, sentiment, or an individual.

In some meetings there is a lack of true christian sympathy; and this greatly weakens the power of the Church.

In some places there is much spiritual life and activity manifested, and these meetings are largely attended by the young as well as elder people, and by those not in membership with us and frequent accessions are made to our Society, and a continual revival manifest, by persons experiencing a change of heart.

In submitting this second report since our appointment to this service, we feel humbly to acknowledge that but a small part of what we hoped to do, has been accomplished; but we feel grateful in the belief that our Heavenly Father has deigned to bless the efforts made, and we trust that much fruit remains to be gathered to His glory.

By direction of the Committee.
Hannah J. Bailey, Clerk.

Newport Sixth Month 17th 1878

The report having been read is accepted by the Meeting, and the Committee is continued for service the ensuing year. Viz; Eli Jones, Thomas S. Buffum, Benjamin H. Jones

Lydia Haight, Anna G. Wood, Annabella E. Winn, Charles M. Jones, Matthew Howland, Harriet N. Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, S. Narcissa Jacob, William S. Macomber, Esther Jones, Harriet D. Collins, Jane C. Minot, Joseph E. Macomber, J. William Jacob, John F. Tucker, James S. Boyce, William Thompson, Martha E. Pratt, Sarah W. Goddard, Susan S. Thompson, J. Warren Hawkes, Henry T. Wood and Rebecca H. Smiley.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon — assembled in joint-session pursuant to adjournment.

27. The Committee appointed last year upon Mission Work in North Carolina and other states in the South, made the following report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

In accordance with our appointment last year, we have endeavored to do what we could; and we feel now in giving a report of the work, that we can acknowledge with gratitude that "The Lord hath been our helper."

Three of our number visited North Carolina in Eleventh Month last, and found there as we anticipated, a large field for missionary work, needing more laborers.

By statistics obtained from the Educational Bureau at Washington, we found that Seventy-five thousand of the white inhabitants of North Carolina between the ages of ten and twenty years, could not read or write, being fifty-one per cent of the entire white population of the State, and an increase of ten per cent, since the late civil war. After consultation with many Friends, a location was selected for this Committee to concentrate their labors in the North-western part of North Carolina, within the limits of Deep Creek Monthly Meeting, composed of Deep Creek, Forbush and Hunting Creek Meetings of Friends.

Here were many intelligent people who were anxious to educate their children, but were unable to do so without assistance from others. We engaged three teachers, members of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, and sent one to each of the above-named Meetings of Friends, to organize a school. They were cordially received at their several fields of labor, and the people were willing to aid the work all they could, by boarding the teachers, &c. Two

Schools were commenced the 10th of Twelfth Month and one the 11th of Second Month. Two of them continued successfully till the 30th of Fifth Month. One closed two Months previous, and the teacher organized a school in another part of the Monthly Meeting, where an Indulged Meeting of Friends is held. This school under our care was continued two months.

The number of Months the four Schools were taught is sixteen; with an attendance of 167 pupils, between the ages of five and twenty five years, some of whom came a distance of three miles; Seventy six were children of Friends.

Soon after our teachers went there, they organized a Bible School and a Temperance Society in each place, all of which have been successfully carried on, and are still continued; 259 persons signed the Temperance pledge. About 150 attend the Bible Schools; 38 persons have been received into Membership, and two Indulged Meetings organized by Deep Creek, Monthly Meeting, since our work was commenced there. Franklin S. Blair, Superintendent of Friends Schools in North Carolina, has rendered us very efficient aid in the prosecution of the work, in the cause of education and of temperance by visiting the Schools, holding Educational and Temperance Meetings in the neighborhoods, and in many other ways.

We have sent a large number of Religious and Temperance books, tracts, pledges, bibles, &c., to the superintendent and teachers, for distribution, all of which have been gratefully received and acknowledged by them and others, and we believe the good work has been greatly aided in this way. All the schools were opened every morning by Scripture reading.

Two schools attended Friends' Meeting in the middle of the week.

Much has been done for these dear people whom we have undertaken to assist in the religious and literary cultivation of their children; but very much more is needed to be done. They are poor; the curse of Slavery and ravages of a terrible war, have rendered

that part of our country desolate, and much of the land unproductive. Their school-houses and other public buildings have been destroyed in many places.

Our Schools were held in small log Meeting-houses with poor accommodations. Most of the people there live in log-houses built by their own hands, and eat and wear the products of their own labor only.

They are people of our own race, and many of them are Members of our own Religious Society, and are earnest and intelligent christians. They should claim our deep sympathy. They need teachers, school-books, Bibles, Bible-helps, religious books, &c.

We recommend that the work be left in the care of a committee for the ensuing year, and that $600, be appropriated for its use; which we submit.

Annexed is an extract from the minutes of Deep Creek Monthly Meeting, last held; and which was sent us by the clerk of the Meeting

On behalf of the Committee
Joseph E. Macomber
Hannah J. Bailey

Newport 6th mo 17th 1878.

Committee on Education in North Carolina.
in account with Matthew Howland, Treasurer.

1877		
12th Mo.	Received from Westport Monthly Meeting	$14.00
"	" Worcester	12.00
"	" Leimrick $3.00. Sidney $3.00	6.00
"	" New Bedford Monthly Meeting	103.50
"	" Sandwich " "	47.25
"	" Portsmouth " "	50.00
"	" Swansea Monthly Meeting	11.50
"	" Rhode Island " "	41.00
"	" Seabrook " "	17.46
"	" Smithfield $5.00, Weare $6.05	11.05
"	" A. Friend $40.00. A. Friend $2.00	42.00
"	" New England Yearly Meeting	30.00
"	" " " Com. on Temperance	5.00
"	" Greenwich Monthly Meeting	12.00
	Amt carried over	402.76

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Amount brought over	402.7
Dover $5.00, Salem $5.00.	10.0
Fairfield	3.0
Benevolent Society of Winthrop Maine	2.2
	$418.0

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1st Mo	Paid F. S. Blair on account Teacher's salaries		$ 60.
2d "	" Bill of Books and Tracts		50.
3 "	" On account Teacher's salaries		60.
" "	" For Tracts for Schools		12.
5th "	" On account of Books for Schools		45.
" " 15th	" " " " Teacher's Salaries		100.
	" For Temperance Tracts sent to Schools		7.2
	Balance in the hands of the Com.		82.8
			$418.0

Matthew Howland, Treasur

Newport 6th Mo 18th 1878

We, the members of Deep Creek Monthly Meeting, are united in returning to the Friends of New England Yearly Meeting, our heartfelt thanks, for the assistance extended to us in the Education of our children; we are well pleased with the teachers engaged in our Schools.

Extracted from the minutes of Deep Creek Monthly Meeting, of Friends, held Sixth Mo 1st 1878

Dougan C. Henly, }
Hannah Vertal, } Clerks

The report is accepted and very satisfactory, and desiring that the work commenced under such favorable auspices and attended with such encouraging results may not be abandoned, we continue it under the care of the same Committee, with the addition of Rachel S. Howland, Moses Bailey, Charles M. Jones, Charles F. Coffin, Ann Maria Coffin, Rebecca Hoag and Moses Sawyer, and the recommendation to appropriate Six Hundred Dollars in aid of this Mission being adopted, the Committee is at liberty to draw upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for that sum. Committee. Benjamin F. Knowles, Joseph E. Macomber, Guilelma Freeborn, Gertrude W

Cartland, Joseph S. Nichols, Matthew Howland, Joseph N. Swift, Hannah G. Hoxie, Sarah A. Holmes, George Douglas, Esther Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Alfred H. Jones, Elizabeth S. Frye, Mary R. Jones, Richard Battey, Sarah Jane Swift, Joseph Taylor, Hannah J. Bailey, Albert C. Baffum, Lydia C. Tuttle, Rachel S. Howland, Moses Bailey, Charles M. Jones, Charles F. Coffin, Ann Maria Coffin, Rebecca Hoag and Moses Sawyer.

28. The Friends appointed to serve this Meeting on behalf of the Freedmen, present their annual report, viz:

Report of the Committee on Freedmen.

The time has now expired that was agreed upon by New England Yearly Meeting, and that of Indiana to carry on the Normal School for colored people at Maryville, Tenn. The agreement made between New England Yearly Meeting and Indiana Yearly Meeting was, that New England would pay the expenses of the Maryville School for three years, the sum not to exceed Fifteen Hundred Dollars ($1500) per year; then Indiana should give a deed of all the property to New England if desired; if not, the property reverted to Indiana.

Two of your Committee have been down there and visited the school and were very much pleased with it. They found William P. Hastings a man well qualified to have the management of the school and property.

The property is very valuable for this purpose, costing Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000). There are Twenty Eight acres (28) of very good land. It is well situated to carry on a Normal School to educate colored people for teachers. Your Committee are of the opinion that if this Yearly Meeting is going to do anything for the colored people, it could not do better than to take a deed of the property and continue the school.

They think it will cost about Fifteen Hundred Dollars ($1500) per year. They would recommend that a Committee be appointed to have charge of it, and receive the deed from Indiana Yearly Meeting.

There is now on hand about Seven Hundred Dollars ($700). There has been expended for the three years up to the first of this month, Thirty Five Hundred and Thirty Three Dollars. ($3533.)

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The report of Wm. P. Hastings of the school for the pa
year, will accompany this.

On behalf of the Committee
Edward W. Howland
Susan T. Thompson

Newport. Sixth Month 19th 1878.

To the Freedmen's Committee of New England
Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Report of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tenn. from Eighth Month 29th 1877 to Sixth Mo 5th 1878. including the School year.

Whole number of days taught-	191
" " enrolled	216
Average " belonging	124½
Daily average	92¾
Per Cent- of attendance	74 9/11
Whole number in Teachers' Training Class	45
" " Teaching in Tenn, Alabama, Georgia & Arkansas,	35
" " of self boarders in the Building	15

The entire number of self-boarders who either boarded in the Building or rented rooms and boarded themselves elsewhere, was 34

The entire number who either boarded in our family or in other families, was 36; Making a total of all boarders 70

The remainder of the pupils were from the families residing in Maryville and its immediate vicinity.

Cost of each self-boarder per week, about-	$0.75
Whole number of boarders, boarded by the Principal	11
Cost of Board and Washing to each, per week	$2.00
Whole number in the Primary Chart Class	22
" " reading from books	213
" " taught oral spelling	100
" " " Written "	194
" " " Oral Arithmetic	32
" " " Felter's Primary Arithmetic	89
" " " Robinson's Rudiments of Arithmetic	65
" " " " " Practical "	43
" " " " Intellectual "	101
" " " Elements of English Grammar	120
" " " Complete " "	36

Whole number taught English Composition	85
" " " Book Keeping	8
" " " Elements of Geography	50
" " " Complete "	12
" " " Physiology	19
" " " United States History	36
" " " Geology of Tennessee	12
" " " Natural Philosophy	7
" " " Algebra	9
" " " Latin	9
" " " Greek	5
Whole number of Graduates in the Elementary Course since last Annual Report	15
Whole number sent out to teach, (from the first)	60
" " of Colored people belonging to Maryville Monthly Meeting of Friends.	14

In connection with the foregoing Report it might be well to observe, that the great irregularity in attendance, apparently, is on account of the necessity of the pupils laboring to support themselves and the families of which they form a part. The Ninth Month's Report shows a daily average of 79 1/19. This was "Fodder pulling" time. The daily average of Fifth Month was but 66 1/3, on account of planting and cultivating the crops. The Second Month's Report shows a daily average of 130 4/7. At this time of the year, their work was not so pressing.

We have kept up our Sabbath School during the school year with an enrollment of 102, and a fair attendance. We have also held Mid-week Meetings during the year. These were held at Eleven O'clock, A.M. on Fourth-day of each week. Much interest has been manifested by many of the students on these occasions.

We have had the attendance at these Meetings of some of our dear friends of Maryville Monthly Meeting, Much to our comfort and encouragement. At our collections of the family and the colored students boarding in the Institute Building, we have had many manifestations of the deep and abiding religious feeling and sentiment prevailing among these students. The intimate relationship established by thus living together as one family, has proven the sincerity of their profession, as

their daily life has corresponded thereto.

During the past three years we have sent out about forty new teachers, and the greater number of the remaining twenty, have returned to the Institute from time to time, and have become much better qualified for their work. Many of these have been engaged in various parts of the South, in training teachers for the public schools, and so the work has been multiplied. At times there have been as many as Fifteen Hundred pupils receiving instruction at the same time in the schools taught by those whom we have trained and sent out as teachers.

As our past year has been our most successful one, and as so much has been invested already in the land, buildings, and furnishings of the Institution, we very much desire the Committee to present our cause to the Yearly Meeting, in a brief Report, with such recommendations as they may deem best for the advancement of the cause of Christ in the world.

Respectfully submitted
Wm P. Hastings
Principal Freedmen's Normal
Institute. Maryville. Tenn.

This Report is accepted by the Meeting and their doings approved, and the adoption of the recommendation in the report is referred to the following named Friends, Viz: Owen Dame, Edward W. Howland, Charles F. Coffin, William Thompson, Benjamin F. Knowles, Albert K. Smiley, Joseph Grinnell, Alfred H. Jones, Richard Battey, Moses A. Hodgdon, Levi Jones, Joseph Cartland, Rachel S. Howland, Ann Maria Coffin, Hannah J. Bailey, Sarah A. Holmes, Sarah F. Tobey and Gertrude W. Cartland.

29. The Committee on Foreign Missions report as follows, Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The joint Committee having charge of the subject of Foreign Missions report as follows, Viz: In commencing this report we can thankfully adopt the language of Theophilus Waldmeir, "We

Heavenly Father has safely brought us to the end of this year, His overshadowing power has protected the Mission from evil, accident and sorrow. He has prospered, blessed and enlarged it within and without. To Him be all the glory and honor forever, through Christ Jesus our Lord."

Even the fearful war which has been raging in the East has been of no disadvantage to the Mission, but has rather worked for the increase of our schools and influence. The Government school in one of the villages has been discontinued, the scholars have come to our schools, and the teacher, formerly a deacon in the Greek Church, has been received a member of our Society.

The Training Home has been completed and was opened on the first day of the year 1878. In its construction the people of the village were employed and much good was done in this way. The sheik of the Maronites said, "If this house had not been built just at this time of very great distress on account of the war, I do not know how the poor of Brumana could have lived; it is this very building which has saved them from starvation. Formerly the people of Brumana used to beat and hurt and trouble each other very much, so that I had every week to send some people to prison, but now I have not."

It is a simple but commodious house, well adapted for its purpose. Its length is twenty seven English yards, and its breadth fifteen English yards externally. The building contains nineteen spacious rooms, beside a meeting-room and a stable. Towards the west, a large plateau is levelled in front of the basement floor for a play-ground for the children. Then comes the first floor and the upper story. Towards the East front there is only the first floor and upper story, because the building is on a declivity from East to West.

The whole situation on which the Training Home is built is a most healthy one, with a romantic, commanding view. It is one of the finest on Mount Lebanon, three hours distant from the shores of the Mediterranean, and 2.500 feet above the sea. On the slope of the Mountain, between the sea-shore and Ain Salaam, are the different villages in which the Branch Schools for boys and girls are doing a great work. Down in the plain, on the shore, is Beirut, a city of 70,000 inhabitants.

From Ain Salaam we see all the steamers coming in and going out from the harbor of Beirut.

Ain Salaam (or the Training Home) is the residence of the director of the Training Home as well as the head-quarters of the Mission in general.

Experience has shown how needful such a house of our own is, among a superstitious and fanatical people, whose priests would drive the Messengers of Peace from one place to another. It is also the center of the Mission, where the Monthly Meeting, Teachers Meetings, and other devotional Meetings are to be regularly held, and where all the business concerning the Mission has to be transacted.

It is also occupied by twenty boys, who are taught as far as may be, according to George Fox's direction "all things civil and useful in the creation", for they learn not only to use their heads, but their hands so as to be able to support themselves in the future. Skilled workmen are rarely found in that country and are much needed. The boys already do a good deal toward their own support, but they need more instruction in order to do good and finished work. So far, they have only learned the trade of carpenters and joiners, as such work is so much in requisition that not half the demand can be supplied.

During the past year Ibrahim Tarro, formerly teacher in the Training Home, has been pursuing his studies in Beirut, but he did not fail to work for his Master there. There was extreme suffering among the Mahometan population of that city, especially among the wives and children of those who had been drafted into the Turkish army. Some Friends in England sent funds for their relief, and while Ibrahim Tarro was distributing these, he had an opportunity to speak to the people of Jesus.

The company who gathered to hear the "Old, old Story", soon amounted to over two hundred, and touching accounts are given of the way in which their needy souls receive the truths of the gospel.

This has excited some opposition among others in Beirut, but Theophilus Waldmeier says, "I go forward in my work, looking only to Jesus, being convinced in the depths of my heart, that the principles

and doctrines of the society of Friends are glorious, I cannot but preach them because I must say that to preach Quakerism is to preach Jesus Christ." A good Protestant-Christian of Beirut says, that "The Society of Friends takes the highest place among all the Christian churches, because it is free from outward ceremonies and useless ordinances."

There are now under the care of the Mission eleven schools, viz: one at the Training Home, three for girls only, and seven mixed schools, or for boys only — with a total number of about 350 scholars. Of these schools, three are supported by English and American Friends, one by a Friend in Ireland, and the remainder by some Christian friends in Switzerland. Their teachers are largely members of our Society, and we have well founded hopes that the 350 children, thus being taught in the things which concern their religious and temporal welfare, will become a power for good among their own countrymen.

The Beit-Mary school for girls, is particularly interesting as it is composed almost entirely of Druse girls.

No other religious organization has been able to influence the Druses, but they have sent their boys to our schools and now they come to us, saying, "When we have educated boys, we must also have educated girls, that the good work may be complete."

The new Shouna school is working along steadily. The Maronite priest repeatedly excommunicated the teacher, and children of that school, and said to his people in the Church "You must not have anything to do with the Protestants at Brumana, because they are an heretical set of people among whom the Devil has his works." But, to their great surprise, a man rose up in the Church and said to the priest — "You are quite mistaken, because I have been at Ain Saleam, where the great Mission is established. There I saw the Protestants. They are giving work to the poor, medicine to the sick, education to the ignorant; and a number of poor children are trained up there, in the fear of the Lord; and many other good works they are doing, which I have witnessed with my own eyes."

The Dispensary at the Training Home is doing much good. Dr. Berbara, the teacher, has charge of it, and three afternoons a week are given to the examination of patients

and dispensing Medicines. Thus some are brought under christian influence who would otherwise not come, and the kind treatment which they receive when sick and helpless, opens their heart, to receive the Gospel, preached by those who relieve them.

Isaac Shammah is especially occupied as Evangelist and Scripture Reader. He has very hard work among the ignorant people, but in spite of it, he has been instrumentally used, in the hands of God, to lead many souls out of darkness into light. He also goes about to the different villages and proclaims salvation in Christ Jesus.

Our Bible woman, who is called Im Yusef, has likewise a very interesting work under her charge. She has to bring the Gospel to the poor ignorant women, and to go from house to house in search of hungry and thirsty souls, and to feed them with the Bread of Life. She also goes into the surrounding villages to try to lead souls to Jesus. There are many isolated houses on the eastern and western slopes of the Mountains, in which men, women and children never hear anything about religion or education. They are wild and ignorant like the Africans. These have to be visited from time to time, which is rather a slow and difficult work, but it is within the scope of our Mission and it needs to be done.

The Monthly Meeting is regularly held, and has always been attended by all our Members; only in cases of sickness have exceptions taken place. During the past year several applications have been made for Membership and each case was brought individually under serious and prayerful consideration, the final result has been that five new Members have been received. The number of Members is at present twenty, viz: fourteen Men and six Women.

The First-day Meeting is regularly held, and with an attendance of nearly one hundred and fifty persons, a large number for so small a village.

There is also a First-day School held at Brumana, which is attended by young and old, and found Edifying by all.

Contributions have been received, during the

past year, not only from our own Monthly Meetings, and individual members, but liberal aid from some members of Philadelphia and other Yearly Meetings on this continent; and even little children have done something for the fatherless and motherless ones in the Training Home. Less than Five Dollars will educate a child for a year, not only in temporal but in spiritual things; would it not be a better investment than many things in these troubled times?

One donation was sent to us in consequence of the evidence of a Minister of another denomination, who had travelled through Palestine, and testified that the Friends' Mission on Mount Lebanon was the most prosperous in the country.

Friends in England have given largely in support of the Mission. They have purchased the land and erected the substantial Training Home. They have also purchased an additional plot of ground, and have fitted up a partially erected building as a workshop for the boys, and a dispensary.

And now, in conclusion, we cannot but ask, very earnestly, that all our friends may remember this work before the Throne of Grace, remembering also that all have a share in the Mission, and that we are together fellow-workers in the harvest-field of Christ. We should also consider it a privilege, and not a heavy duty, to be instrumentally used by our Heavenly Father to work for the temporal and spiritual welfare of our fellow-creatures.

We would recommend the Mission to the continued care of the Yearly Meeting.

According to agreement with English Friends, one half of the running expenses of the ensuing year will not be less than $1500. As the work is carried on under the care of the Yearly Meeting, it has seemed right at this time to suggest that a direct appropriation of $800 be made by the Meeting, to meet such portion of this expense as may be thought best. The remainder to be met, as heretofore, by private subscription.

On behalf of the Committee
Susan T. Thompson, Clerk.

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Treasurers Report

Receipts

Collected at Portland	$ 322.9
Proceeds of articles from Brumana	159.6
Friends of N. E. Y. M. since the Yearly Meeting	938.2
" " New York Yearly Meeting	130.0
" " Philadelphia " "	316.5
For tuition of an orphan	50
Olive Leaf Fund	7.25
For "Little Navif"	200
Balance last year	2345
	$ 2,115.66

Payments

Amount sent to Brumana	2,019.6
Printing	43.34
Balance remaining	52.65
	$ 2,115.6

This report is interesting and satisfactory. We believe an excellent work is being accomplished through this Mission on Mount Lebanon, and we reappoint the Committee that has so faithfully and efficiently watched over its interests the past year. We adopt the recommendation contained in the report, viz; the appropriation of Eight Hundred Dollars for its support the coming year, and the Committee is at liberty to draw upon the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for that sum. Names of Committee. Eli Jones, Joseph E. Macomber, Timoth K. Earle, Rebecca H. Smiley, John H. Crosman, Ann B. Earle, Charles E. Varney, Lydia Ann Eastland, Abby S. Battey, Lydia E. Sawyer, Thomas Wood, Susan T. Thompson, Debrah W. Crosman, Harriet N. Jones, George Howland Jr., Sylvia G. Howland, Charles M. Bailey, Albert C. Buffum, Mary B. Reed of Weare, Anna G. Wood, Charles B. Cates, Margaret B. Cates, Obadiah Chace, Julia Ann Hodgdon, Benjamin F. Knowles, Sarah F. Tobey and Elisa P. Varney

30. The Committee on Temperance have presented the following Report, Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed in the Sixth Month last

to labor in the cause of total abstinence from all intoxicating have endeavored to fulfill the duties assigned them. During the year, the importance of faithfulness on the part of Friends in this movement has been ably and clearly set forth in many portions of this Yearly Meeting.

Thousands of pages of temperance tracts have been circulated, silent messengers of truth, which we believe have been effectual in calling the attention of our members to this great and important question.

Two thousand cards containing the "Triple Pledge" have been printed and the greater portion of them circulated in our "Bible Schools"; the remainder are in the hands of the Chairman for distribution. This course has been adopted from a strong conviction resting upon the minds of the Committee that we cannot commence too early in life to teach our children the great danger consequent upon tampering with intoxicants of any description; hence in proportion as they come up free from this dangerous practice will the next generation be a sober people.

Deligations from the Committee have attended several large temperance gatherings in Massachusetts New Hampshire and Maine, in which the position we occupy upon this momentous question, has been explained, enlightening not a few, to whom our views were comparatively unknown. The increasing interest manifested by our own members in this cause, enables the Committee to look forward with more confidence than at any previous period, when the answers to the Queries from all our subordinate Meetings will come up "clear as to the use of alcoholic drinks."

Notwithstanding this feeling is steadily on the increase, we are fully convinced that it is not a time to relent or slaken our efforts, but on the contrary, we should double our diligence in maintaining the advanced position we have occupied so many generations, contending manfully for the truth; and thus by example, as well as precept, say to others, "Come follow us, as we are endeavoring to follow Christ."

Christian professors cannot escape the responsibility resting upon them to labor earnestly for the removal of the great evil of intemperance.

It is positive labor that is needed; "inasmuch as

ye did it- not As one of these, ye did it- not to me was the language of the Blessed Master.

It- is a question that- demands our serious consideration, how far the professed Christian Church are responsible to-day for the continuance of the liquor traffic; hence the necessity that- we should examine carefully our present position, that- we may not- be found aiding or encouraging an evil which not- only destroys the bodies and souls of men and women, disturbs the peace and happiness of families and neighborhoods, but is threatening seriously the prosperity of the nation.

On behalf of the Committee
James P. Boyce
Harriet N. Jones

Newport Sixth Month 18th 1878

This report is satisfactory As the Meeting, and we continue this important- concern in the hands of the same Committee with the addition of Phebe S. Ayedelot-; believing that- their earnest efforts in this direction will not- be in vain. We appropriate from the Yearly Meeting's Treasury the sum of Three Hundred Dollars to be drawn by the Committee in the prosecution of their work the ensuing year. Names of the Committee. Joseph E. Macomber, Zephaniah Breed, James P. Boyce, Charles Taber, Augustus F. Cox, Edward S. Hacker, Timothy K. Earle, Abel C. Munro, Eli Jones, Jonathan Ellis, Albert C. Buffum, Albert C. Hill, Jonathan Cartland, Joseph E. Briggs, Isaac Warren Hawkes, Charles W. Goddard, Samuel K. Buffinton, J. Wm. Jacob, Ellen K. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland, Lydia C. Neal, Deborah W. Crowman, Susan L. Thompson, Elizabeth C. Wing, Myra E. Frye, S. Jane Cox, Susan Ann Gifford, Lydia Haight, Mary C. Jones, Eliza Philbrook, Lydia E. Sawyer, Julielma M. Purinton, Harriet N. Jones, Phebe N. Wadsworth, Charlotte D. Holmes, Elizabeth B. Nichols and Phebe S. Ayedelot

Adjourned As meet in separate sessions to-morrow morning at 10 Oclock.

Fourth-day Morning, the 19th.

Assembled pursuant to adjournment.

31. The subject of a threatened war between two great nations of Europe, was introduced to the Meeting at this session, by reference from one of our Quarterly Meetings.

The remembrance that a conference of delegates from the several nations of Europe is now in session in Berlin, upon the momentous questions that agitate those governments, deepens our sense of the responsibility which rests upon the followers of the Prince of Peace.

Our hearts are raised in earnest prayer that the Great Disposer of events may overrule the counsels of the rulers of those nations, and in His great love guide the feet of the people everywhere into the way of peace.

The further consideration of this subject is referred to the Representative Meeting.

32. The Committee on Education have presented their Report, viz;

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee on Education report that they have attended to their appointment, and that Wm F. Mitchell has under their direction visited a few of our Meetings for the purpose of interesting parents and children in the subject of denominational education.

Statistics have been taken so recently and thoroughly that we have not thought it needful to furnish them at this time. Public, Moral and religious education was never, perhaps, more fully occupying the thoughts of men than now, owing no doubt in part to the disturbed condition of society.

The President of the United States and his predecessor in office, have vigorously called attention to its close connection with the public welfare, and with national health and life.

The Rulers of other nations have as earnestly presented the same views to their subjects, in recent addresses. The conviction seems to be gaining ground the world over, that the education of the whole people is the surest protection against disorder, and the strongest factor in national and human progress.

Our Society has exhibited also during the last year, unusual interest.

Conferences have been held both here and in England, in which the relation of education to the Society, its principles, teaching and mission, as well as its obligation to extend the domain of culture, have been very fully and ably considered.

The Conference held in Baltimore Twelfth Month last, was no doubt the result of an earnest and intelligent awakening, among the teachers and scholars of the Society of Friends, both East and West.

Neither can we easily estimate the importance of that gathering, since the highest results must be attained, if at all, by the systematic union of the entire educational strength of the denomination in America.

The Committee call the attention of the Meeting with great satisfaction, to the large increase in the attendance of Friends at the Boarding School, and also to the high standard of teaching maintained there, which if sustained with the same ability, will give the school rank among the best institutions of its grade.

The great need presented in so many past years, continues, namely, funds or scholarships, to the end that gifted and qualified children of Friends may be aided not only in primary education, but also through the college course, that education to the extent of their capacity may be freely open to all. Many young men and women are now asking for this privilege and opportunity to increase their usefulness to society, but they ask in vain.

A delicate and difficult question remains which cannot be discarded or overlooked. And that is, whether our instruction should be limited to intellectual culture, with teaching in the Bible and regular attendance at Friends' Meeting, whether it should be like that of any ordinary secular school, or whether it should be denominational

certainly it should not be an enforced outward conformity, leading to deceit and hypocrisy.

The Committee are convinced that we shall not do our duty as a Society unless we seek to impress the denominational methods of thought upon each generation, not dogmatically, but with sweet reasonableness.

That is to say, an inward and spiritual interpretation of religion and theology, in place of an outward, with ceremony and objective teaching.

These instructions ought to be clothed in a dress attractive to the young, stimulating them to research, having all the freshness of the last quarter of the nineteenth century, since truth is ever new. We believe that this was the hope and purpose of the founders of our institutions.

The Committe have expended the Fifty Dollars appropriated last year.

In behalf of the committee
Augustine Jones
Caroline Alice Jones

Newport Sixth Month 18th 1878

This Report is very interesting and satisfactory it is commended to the careful perusal and consideration of Friends throughout the Yearly Meeting. We commit the subject to the same Committee the ensuing Year, and desire for them the hearty co-operation of all who have the care of the youth of our Society, in their efforts to promote higher education among our members.

Names of the Committee. Augustine Jones, Matthew Howland, John F. Tucker, Caroline Alice Jones, Azeneth Fetlow and Rachel S. Howland.

33. The Committee to promote Scriptural Instruction in Bible Schools, made the following Report, Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

Very soon after our appointment, a Chairman and Secretary were chosen.

Harriet N. Jones was appointed to the work of

1878 aiding and establishing Bible Schools.
A circular was also addressed to the officers and Members of these Schools, desiring that, in assembling for Scriptural instruction, all hearts be lifted in prayer to God for a blessing. They also recommended the system of registration used last year.

Harriet N. Jones, in pursuance of her appointment, assisted by George H. Farr, has visited as way has opened, at various points in our Yearly Meeting.

They have found some Schools in a flourishing condition, supported by the strong arm of the Church. In other places the Schools were languishing, struggling almost for an existence.

To the latter, the service has been especially helpful, quickening the interest in the Bible Schools, and also of the small Meetings where they are located.

An obvious deficiency in the Morality of the youth of our land, notwithstanding the much that is being done for them, has led your Committee prayerfully to consider their duty, in this direction, which has resulted in our co-operation with the Committee on Temperance, in the circulation of the "Triple Pledge" against intemperance, the use of tobacco and profanity.

We have been able, as yet, to present this pledge only to a part of our Schools.

We have secured 300 signatures. As we remember that the Church of the future will be composed of the youth of the present, we earnestly entreat all who engage in this important work, to very practical teaching of the every day duties of life, laying a good foundation for a superstructure of integrity and virtue. As a means to this end, we recommend that this movement of the "Triple Pledge" be carried on until all our children are pledged against these evils.

We have been cheered, in referring to the records of our Yearly Meeting, in past years, to observe the steady increase of interest in Bible study

In 1851, we find the first notice of First-day schools in which 16 only are reported, with a membership of 533 children, of whom 374 were members of our society. In 1860, we find the following record, viz: In eleven of our Monthly Meetings no First-day School is reported. In 1878, we are glad to record, there is no Monthly Meeting without its Bible School; and from returns received, we give the following statistical information:-

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.- Ten schools; whole number of teachers and scholars, 526; number of Friends in attendance, 305; increase over last year, 31.

Salem Quarterly Meeting; Nine schools, teachers and scholars, 285; number of Friends, 148: Increase 47.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting: Ten schools; teachers and scholars, 457; number of Friends about 150. decrease, 111.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting; Eleven schools; teachers and scholars, 483: Number of Friends, 327; increase, 125.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting; Seven schools; teachers and scholars, 192: Number of Friends, 135: decrease, 48.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting; Eleven Schools; teachers and scholars; 338; number of Friends, 131: increase, 38.

Dover Quarterly Meeting; Seven Schools; teachers and scholars, 202: Number of Friends, 108; increase, 43.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting; Eleven schools; teachers and scholars, 497; number of Friends, 190; increase, 171.

Total increase, 455. Total decrease, 159.

This gives us an increase in the number attending our Bible Schools over last year of 296.

Four schools that reported last year have failed to report this year.

Eleven new schools report this year.

Eight schools hold Teacher's Meetings.

Thirty-five schools use the International Lesson Sheets.

As these schools denominated "Bible Schools" have been regularly reported to the Yearly Meeting for twenty seven years, they can be regarded no longer as an experiment; their importance is an established fact. We therefore encourage our dear elder Friends to join with the Younger in their attendance.

1878 We would also recommend that increased care be taken to give prompt and acurate statistical reports.

In order to increase the interest of Friends in this work, we encourage each Quarterly Meeting to hold Bible School Conferences.

We have paid all the bills of the previous years, so far as they have been presented, together with the expenses of the past year, and there remains of the Two Hundred Dollars appropriated, Eighty Dollars unexpended. We recommend that this sum remain in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting to be expended by a Committee which may be appointed, and that an addition of One Hundred Dollars be made to it, also to be used by this Committee.

On behalf of the Committee
Thomas B. Nichols
Harriet N. Jones

Newport. Sixth Month 18th 1878

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Committee is continued for service the ensuing year, with the aeddition of Harriet D. Collins, Mary J. Rogers, Hannah S. Wing, S. Jane Cox, Esther Osborne, Margaret B. Cates, Guilielma M. Purinton, and Mary G. Winslow.

The recommendation of the Committee to appropriate in addition to the unexpended amount, Eighty Dollars of last years appropriation the sum of One Hundred Dollars, to be drawn by the Committee from the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting, is adopted.

Names of the Committee. Charles Taber, Harriet N. Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, George H. Jan, Henry Winslow, Elizabeth K. Taber, Elizabeth P. Nichols, Phebe N. Wandsworth, Harriet D. Collins, Mary J. Rogers, Hannah S. Wing, S. Jane Cox, Esther Osborne, Margaret B. Cates, Guilielma M. Purinton and Mary G. Winslow.

34. The Joint Committee appointed to disburse

the income arising from the Mosher fund, presented the following Report, Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Joint Committee appointed to disburse the income arising from the H. H. Mosher fund, report that they have received from the Trustees of that fund, the income arising from the same to the 7th of Fifth Month last, amounting to $1188.66, and that they have purchased and distributed, during the past year, among our Quarterly Meetings, several hundred copies of such books and pamphlets as they believed met the requirements of the donor of the fund, at a cost of about $800, including freight, duties and other expenses.

They have also united with a similar Committee of New York Yearly Meeting, in appropriating a sum not to exceed $200 by each Committee, for the use of the Mexican Mission, to enable them to publish and circulate, in the language of that land, the lives of some of our early Friends.

On behalf of the Committee.
Samuel R. Buffinton
Gertrude W. Cartland

Newport, Sixth Month 19th 1878.

This Report is satisfactory to the Meeting and the same Committee is continued for service another year. Names of the Committee; Henry T. Wood, Samuel R. Buffinton, J. Ellwood Paige, Rebecca H. Smiley, Gertrude W. Cartland and Harriet N. Jones.

35. Appended to the above Report is the statement of the Treasurer as follows, Viz:

Received from Edward W. Howland in behalf of the Trustees		$1.188.66
Disbursed for books, pamphlets, freight duties and other expenses	$817.93	
Balance in hands of Treasurer	$370.73	

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.
Met pursuant to adjournment.

1878 36. The Friends appointed to nominate a Committee to have the care of holding General Meetings, propose the following named Friends, in their Report as follows, Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee to have the care of holding General Meetings, propose the following named Friends: Eli Jones, Allen Jay, Harriet D. Collins, William C. Newhall, Mary Alice Brown, Henry T. Wood, Anna G. Wood, Richard Battey, Lydia Haight George Douglas, S. Jane Cox, S. Narcissa Jacob, Timothy B. Hussey, Gulielma M. Purinton, Levi Jones, Phebe N. Wadsworth, William Thompson Susan T. Thompson, Isaac Warren Hawkes, J. W. Jacob, Thomas B. Buffum, Electa J. Collins, Mary Elma Richardson, Thomas B. Nichols, Anna M. Hussey, Albert F. Minot and Elizabeth K. Hoxie.

On behalf of the Committee
George Douglas

Newport Sixth Month 18th 1878

This Report is satisfactory to the Meeting and they are appointed accordingly, and are encouraged to labor as ability may be afforded. We feel that a blessing has accompanied the efforts of the Committees hitherto engaged in this important field of service, and that the Lord is still willing, to be gracious to all those who look unto Him in simple faith, and in humble dependence upon Him.

37. Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting proposes that the Yearly Meeting be held in Portland, Maine, next year: Which after a time of consideration is fully united with by this Meeting. The Women's Yearly Meeting Concurring herein.

38. The Friends under appointment to take into consideration the Report of the Committee on Freedmen, made the following Report, Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Committee on the concern of the Yearly Meeting for the Freedmen, have considered the same and report as follows, Viz:

We recommend that the Yearly Meeting shall take a deed of the property of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tenn., without conditions.

We also recommend that an appropriation of $800. be made from the Treasury, the present year, and placed at the disposal of six Friends, Viz: Edward W. Howland Benjamin F. Knowles, Charles F. Coffin, Gertrude W. Eastland, Ann Maria Coffin and Hannah J. Bailey.

By direction of the Committee
Owen Dame.

Newport. Sixth Month 19th 1878

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and the Recommendation of the Committee adopted, and the Friends proposed are appointed to have the care of the concern the ensuing year. They are at liberty to draw upon the Treasury of this Meeting for the sum of Eight-Hundred Dollars, to enable them to carry on the work.

The Committee is authorized to take a deed of the property, in the name of the Yearly Meeting.

39. The subject from Indiana, in reference to Foreign Mission work, referred from our last Yearly Meeting to this, for further consideration, has again claimed the attention of this Meeting. After a time of serious consideration, we conclude to return the document to the Board of Foreign Missions of Indiana Yearly Meeting, with the information, that way does not open for us to engage in the work.

40. The following Report to the Representative Meeting in the Sixth Month last year, and by our last Yearly Meeting referred to this Meeting for further consideration, was again considered at this time as follows, Viz: From the Records of the Representative Meeting 1877—

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"The Committee to which was referred the Communication from Salem Monthly Meeting, report as follows, Viz:

As to the first question they suggest, that the appointment of all the officers named shall be by concurrent action of both Meetings.

As to the second question, they suggest, that in the conveyance of real Estate the deeds should be signed by a majority of all the Overseers of the Monthly Meeting, including Men and women."

On behalf of the Committee
Augustine Jones
Joseph Cartland
Henry T. Wood
Samuel R Buffinton

Portland Sixth Month 8th 1877

When after mature deliberation we are now united, the Womens Mtg concurring herein, that in future the appointment of Treasurers, Correspondents, and Auditors by our Monthly Meetings shall be by concurrent action of both Men and Womens Meetings. And also that in the conveyance of Real Estate the Deeds shall be signed by a majority of all the Overseers of the Monthly Meeting, including men and women.

With reference to the action of our several Meetings in time past, which may have been taken by Men Friends alone, all such actions or conveyances are hereby confirmed as valid and legal.

41. The Committee appointed to propose the names of Friends to constitute a Committee of this Meeting on Indian Affairs, report as follows, Viz: Edward W. Howland, Henry T. Wood, Anna G. Wood, John F. Tucker, Wm C. Newhall, Ellen K. Buffum, Eliza P. Smiley, Sarah Caroline Tobey, Susan Peckham, Mary W. Jones, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Martha Jay, Eli Jepson, Elizabeth K. Hovie, John J. Frye of Portland, Myra E. Frye, Thomas J Battey, Sarah

W. Goddard, Hannah J. Jenkins, Joseph E. Briggs, Thomas B. Buffum, and Rebecca Anthony. This Committee is encouraged to attend to the temporal and religious interests of this neglected race, they are authorised if way should open, to Establish Meetings for worship and discipline to be under the care and direction of the Committee, and to report to the same.

On behalf of the Committee
Eli Jones

The Report is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Friends named are appointed to that service the ensuing year, and the recommendation of the Committee adopted. The sum of Eight Hundred Dollars ($800.) is appropriated from the Treasury of this Meeting, to enable them to carry on the concern.

42. An Epistle to Kansas Yearly Meeting was now read and approved.

43. The Committee to whom was referred the Concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, Made the following Report, Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:

In Third Month last, three of our number visited the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

We were cordially welcomed by their Lieutenant Governor Shockbesin Swassean, who accompanied us to such places as we wished to visit. We first went to the School taught at that time by a young man, a member of the family of the priest. Thirty-nine scholars were present. We were informed there were in the tribe fifty of suitable age to attend.

We listened to their exercises with interest. Some read in the Fourth Reader, studied Geography and Arithmetic. They evinced a fair amount of intelligence and skill in learning. We regret to say, that their educational advantages seemed to us rather unpromising. We visited several Indian homes, and were pleased to see evidences of thrift in their neat cottages and fenced enclosures, indicative

1878 of their capacity for good citizenship.

Their trade is emphatically basket making the women doing their full share of the work.

A very kindly feeling exists between the Red Men and the descendants of Wm Penn, which we hope will ever be kept up. Could we take them under our more immediate care, we think this would be a promising field for Mission work, but their surroundings and outside influences are unfavorable, and at present we can do little more than keep the claim of friendship bright by occasional visits, and by doing what we can to promote their educational interests. The State appropriations and expenditures are much the same as in past years. Way did not open to visit the Passamaquoddy tribe.

Twenty-seven Dollars of the One Hundred appropriated last year have been used.

On behalf of the Committee
Joseph E. Briggs
Harriet N. Jones

Newport, Sixth Month 18th 1878

The Report is satisfactory, and the Committee is reappointed for service the ensuing year, and the sum of Fifty Dollars ($50) is appropriated for the use of the Committee.

Names of Committee. Stephen Jones, John D. Lamy, James B. Congdon, Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Timothy Hanson, George Richardson, Josiah Philbrook, Paul Wing, Augustine Jones, Joseph E. Briggs Stephen N. Taber, Hannah J. Bailey, Sarah A. Holmes, Harriet N. Jones, Peace Jones, Martha E. Pratt, Sarah M. Richardson, S. Narcissa Jacob, Gertrude W. Cartland and Edward S Hacker.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth-day afternoon the 20th
The Meeting assembled according to adjournment. Representatives present except seventeen. (17)

44. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year, viz: Stephen Chace, Samuel R. Buffinton, Ellen R. Buffum, Anna T. Dennis, Joseph Cartland, Owen Dame, Gertrude W. Cartland, Mary Alice Brown, George Howland, Jr., Josiah Holmes, Jr., Susan T. Thompson, Anna L. Wood, Anna F. Hall Augustus F. Cox, John J. Frye, S. Jane Cox, Richard Battey, James L. Arnold, Ann B. Earle, Abby S. Battey, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Hannah T. Jenkins, S. Narcissa Jacob, Samuel Buffum, Jacob K. Purinton, Anna M. Hussey, Elmira B. Buffum, Reuben T. Jones, Moses Bailey, Phebe P Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, William C. Newhall, Henry T. Wood, George Douglas, Charles F. Coffin, William C. Taber, Samuel Jones, Sarah F. Tobey, Rachel S. Howland, Augustine Jones, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Thomas Harkness, Lydia Haight, Rachel B. Nichols, John T. Tucker, Alfred H. Jones, Edward W. Howland, J. William Jacob, Allen Jay, Stephen Jones, Elizabeth Ann Slade and Abigail M. Hanson.

45. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to be a standing Committee on Finance, to whom all propositions for appropriations from the Treasury of this Meeting, except by the Representative Meeting, shall in future be referred, viz: Samuel R. Buffinton, Owen Dame, Edward W. Howland, Augustus F. Cox, Richard Battey, Charles B. Cates, Jacob K. Purinton, and Leevi Jones.

46. The Committee on Peace, have presented their annual Report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Joint-Committee on the subject of Peace report that although way has not opened for much active labor, we have not been unmindful of the trust committed to our charge.

Three have been held, during the past year, two public meetings on the subject; one at Portland, Maine, during the sittings of our last Yearly Meeting, and one at Newport, R.I., during this Yearly Meeting, both of which were largely attended.

Peace tracts have been quite extensively disseminated, and books and documents calculated

1878 to cultivate a more healthy state of public sentiment in regard to the peaceable teachings of the gospel, have been placed in the hands of some of our prominent Men; and it is very encouraging to us to find that our ablest and best men are now giving the subject their earnest thought.

We feel deeply thankful that the cause of peace is manifestly gaining ground among some of the most powerful nations of the earth.

We have been instructed by the example of many of the friends of Peace in Great Britain who during the past year, when war clouds, dark and threatening, rose over the land, nobly stood up to plead in the name of the Prince of Peace, and to call the people from the clamor of the war spirit and the delusive arguments of ambition, and false political science, to the unanswerable reasons for the policy of peace as a foundation for the true grandeur of nations.

May our earnest and united prayers ascend to Him who is the Prince of Peace, that such may be the speedy result.

None of the sum reported in the hands of the Committee last year having been expended, there still remains the same balance on hand, Viz: $83.88.

On behalf of the Committee.

Eli Jones,
Abby S. Battey.

The report is accepted, and the following named Friends, proposed by the last years Committee, are now appointed to compose a Committee on the subject of Peace, the ensuing year, Viz. Eli Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles C. Varney, Samuel R. Buffinton, George Richardson, Henry T. Wood, J. Wm. Jacob, Susan T. Thompson, Gertrude W. Carhand, S. Narcissa Jacob, Nathaniel Gifford, Rachel S. Howland, Abby S. Battey and Joseph H. Atwater.

47. The Committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, &c., Made the following Report, Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's Account, to propose a sum to be raised for the ensuing year, and to nominate a Friend for Treasurer, and another for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund, have attended to the duty assigned them and report as follows, Viz:

Receipts.

Balance on hand last year	$1,468.89
From the several Quarterly Meetings	3,000.00
Books of Discipline sold	24.50
Use of City Hall in Portland and sale of Carpet	24.00
Coupons, City of Providence Bonds	450.00
Premium on Gold sold	12.25
Received from a Friend	47.00
Dividends Eagle Bank	100.00
	$5,126.64

Payments

Paid George Douglas for Y. M. expenses at Portland,	$728.27
" Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting	283.50
" for Writing Records	91.84
" " Rent of Wesleyan Hall, Boston	350.00
" on account of Indians, West	676.12
" Associated Executive Committee	340.00
" for Bible Schools	146.07
" " North Carolina Mission	30.00
" " Penobscot Indians	26.39
" " Printing	243.44
" " Incidentals	12.82
" Committee on Education	50.00
" " " Temperance	236.72
Balance to New Account	1,911.47
	$5,126.64

These expenditures are all properly vouched for. We would propose that the sum of Five Thousand Dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year; that George Howland, Jr. be appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness, Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

Newport 6th mo 20th 1878. For the Committee Matthew Howland.

1878 The Report is satisfactory and is accepted, and George Howland, Jr., is re-appointed Treasurer for the year ensuing, and our Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward to him their respective proportions of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) the sum proposed to be raised for the use of the Meeting this year. Thomas Harkness is re-appointed Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

48. Epistles have been read, addressed to the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa & Canada; also, a joint Epistle to the Monthly Meeting of Brummana, Mount Lebanon, Syria, which are approved by the Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

49. The following returning Minute on behalf of our beloved friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite, who acceptably attended this Yearly Meeting last year, has been read and approved, Viz:

To Holm Monthly Meeting of Friends, England.

Dear Friends,-

Our beloved friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite, attended this Yearly Meeting last year, seven of our Quarterly Meetings, and several of the Meetings composing them, also all the Meetings constituting the remaining one, and has now completed the religious service she had in prospect within our limits.

Her example of christian devotedness amongst us, and her gospel labors in our Meetings and families have been truly comforting and edifying.

50. The following returning Minute on behalf of our friend Elkanah Beard has been read and approved and similar ones for our friends, John P. Pennington, Amos M. Kenworthy, Jacob Baker, John F. Hanson, William P. Hastings, S. Elizabeth Mallison, Elizabeth L. Comstock, Hannah Arnett, Irena S. Beard, and Alida Clark, Viz:

Our beloved friend, Elkanah Beard, attended

this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

51. A Returning Minute on behalf of our friend, Mary White, and similar ones for Phebe H. Kenworthy and Phebe T. Underhill, have been read and approved, Viz:

To Edinburgh Two Month's Meeting, Scotland;

Dear friends,

Our beloved friend, Mary White, acceptably attended this Meeting.

52. The Committee now under appointment, is directed to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open, also to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, who now are or then may be under appointment. Names of Committee: Eli Jones, Samuel R. Buffinton, Henry T. Wood, Augustus F. Cox, Jacob K. Pinnington and George Douglas.

53. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed together; and the Clerks are directed to cause an edition of Two Thousand Copies (2000) to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings, in their usual proportions; and Owen Dame is appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

54. As with thankful hearts at the opening of this Yearly Meeting, we reverently bowed before the Lord in remembrance of Mercies past, innumerable, so do we still gratefully acknowledge the continuance of His loving kindness to us, and having been enabled to dispose of the various and increasingly important concerns of the Church that have claimed our attention, in much love and brotherly condescension; we now, under the arrived conviction, in view of the uncertainty of time, that we shall not all meet again this side eternity, solemnly conclude, proposing to meet again at Portland, Maine, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit. Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall, Clerk.

1878 Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, Sixth Month 1878.

To London.

Dear friends,

Your acceptable Epistle, though of recent date, came to hand before the opening of our Yearly Meeting, and, together with many others, was read at this time, and gave us renewed evidence of your christian interest and brotherly regard.

The remembrance of the civil war which, not many years since, scourged some portions of our country, makes us deeply thoughtful of the liability to a conflict of arms, to which yours, with some other nations of Europe, is still exposed.

During one of the sessions of this Yearly Meeting we were introduced into feelings of deep solemnity upon this subject, and in remembrance of the conference of delegates now assembled at Berlin earnest prayers were raised that the Lord might direct its counsels, and in his great love and mercy guide the feet of the nations into the way of peace.

We are comforted by the belief that your hearts, together with those of our beloved brethren of Ireland are often raised in the same fervent aspiration.

We notice with interest your allusion to the subject of Temperance, and that you are continued laborers in this cause.

Among our own members, we can acknowledge, with thankfulness, our belief that we are clear, both of the manufacture of, and traffic in, intoxicating liquors. The number of instances of its use as a beverage is also very small. We desire, with you, to be fully aroused to a sense of our obligation to labor for the removal of the desolating scourge of Intemperance not only within our own borders, but among those around us.

We realize, with satisfaction, the added bond of union with your Yearly Meeting in the

joint interest felt in the Mission on Mount Lebanon.

We rejoice in the humble part which we have borne in the work, not only for the good which has resulted to the people of that land, but that the concern has been made a means of blessing to us, as evidence is not wanting that we too have been made "partakers of the benefit."

Our interest continues unabated in the improvement of the tribes of Indians located west of the Mississippi River. Circumstances have, at times, during the past year, appeared to render our labor in this field uncertain and embarassing. The feeling of opposition manifested by many to what has been known as the Peace Policy of the Government, in treating with the Indians, and the liability which still exists that the controll of the Indian Bureau will be transferred to the War Department, have contributed to this uncertainty. We have however felt encouraged to strive for the elevation of this people, while we had the opportunity, and we thankfully acknowledge that a blessing has attended our efforts. In the Quapaw Agency where a School and Mission is especially under the care of this Yearly Meeting, the improvement of the children in learning has been marked and rapid, and the advancement of the Indians in civilization, and their endeavor to gain a livelihood by tilling the soil, rather than from the precarious resources of the chase upon the plains, induce us to labor on. The evidence too which has been afforded, that a number of these hitherto untutored people, have been brought to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, and have confessed in unmistakable, thought-broken language, to the work of the Holy Spirit upon their hearts, has induced us, at this time, to authorise our Committee to organise, if way should open, Meetings for Worship and Discipline, within the limits of the Agency, under the fostering care of Friends entrusted with this concern.

In conclusion, beloved friends, we warmly reciprocate your desire, that in all our services, we, with you, may be found building on the one foundation, our Lord Jesus Christ.

However weak we may feel, and unworthy of a place in the Lord's house, or to work for Him, may we seek to know individually, a steadfast abiding in Christ, our Holy Head, and that in Him, through wonderous love and Mercy, we have righteousness and strength. Signed on behalf of the Meeting Wm C. Newhall, Clerk.

1878

To Ireland.

Dear friends.

To those among you who are of the household of faith, and whose sins are forgiven you for His name's sake, we would offer the primitive Christian salutation "Grace, Mercy, and peace, from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ."

Your Epistle has been welcomed by us and read with deep interest. We appreciate your words of sympathy in our varied branches of Mission work.

It is cause of deep solicitude to us, that whilst thus engaged in missionary labors, upon which the Divine blessing rests, that we have within our own membership those who know not the joys of that salvation, in which so many of the poor freedmen and Indians are now rejoicing.

We fervently desire to see our Society built up of regenerated souls, quickened by the baptism and power of the Holy Ghost, with a definite Christian experience "and ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh of them a reason of the hope that is in them with meekness and fear"; for the accomplishment of this end, many amongst us are earnestly laboring.

Your remarks as to the priceless value of the Holy Bible, and the increasing interest amongst our members in its prayerful study, find a response in our hearts, believing that through it the Holy Spirit has revealed to us Him of whom it is his sole office to speak. "Jesus Christ the Lamb of God," our only hope and Savior, We esteem its testimony of offered grace and mercy through our Risen Lord, as Gods message to lost man, setting forth our merciful High Priest, as a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His Righteousness for the remission of past sins. We do rejoice at the spread of Scripture knowledge especially amongst the young, and would impress on the minds of our children, not only the love, sympathy, sympathy, & ample and Christianity of Christ; but also

his Omnipotence and Deity as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

We mourn the inroads of infidelity in Europe and on this continent; it is a time for the children of our God, to prayerfully study his lively oracles and be prepared to meet the varied wiles of the Devil with "It is written" or "Thus saith the Lord".

Whilst we magnify the Lord Jesus Christ as the "Mighty God" and "the Everlasting Father" we are afresh reminded to hail Him as the "Prince of Peace", and crave His blessing on the Congress now assembling at Berlin. May a peace, founded on the holy principles of the Gospel crown their deliberations, and bring joy and gladness to homes now the abode of misery and woe.

We do heartily rejoice to learn of your renewed energy in the cause of Total Abstinence. Our efforts in this cause have been eminently blessed, our Yearly Meeting, appears to stand most favorably in its deliverance from the deadly curse of intoxicating liquors. For this we reverently thank God.

Experience has taught us that the Gospel of the Lord Jesus, is the only weapon with which we can successfully contend with this foe of our race.

The claims of purity and holiness of life, upon the Christian are becoming more recognized amongst us.

Whilst the living membership of our Society rejoice in the consciousness of regeneration in Christ Jesus, from our fallen and sinful state here, and of our acceptance with God through faith in the precious blood of Christ; it surely behoves us, to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, that when the Son of Man shall come in His Glory and all the Holy Angels" we "also may appear with Him" and be the joyful witnesses of His triumph when all things shall be put under him.

Finally Brethren of the Household of faith farewell in the Lord.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

William C. Newhall, Clerk.

1878

To New York

Dear friends

To the Saints and faithful in Christ Jesus amongst you, we extend the apostolic salutation: "Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath chosen us in Him, before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy, without blame before him in love."

Your loving Epistle from Glens Falls, was welcomed by us. We rejoice to learn of the crowning presence of the Lord at your late Yearly Meeting. We have now many of his Messengers who were then present with you, bearing to us the same evangel of a living Savior.

His presence has overshadowed us on this occasion, our meetings have been harmonious and spiritual: Christ has been exalted in His Deity and power, "God over all blessed forever."

Official reports shew an exemption from the use of intoxicating drinks, which is truly heart cheering, the sale and manufacture by our members is a delinquency unknown amongst us, for all which Encouraging facts, we would reverently praise the Lord.

Our experience shows, that in conflict with this foe of our race, but one weapon is wholly reliable, "the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ".

We rejoice that in you we have earnest co-laborers in this cause, pointing the degraded and lost, beyond the mere shelter of "pledges" and "clubs" to the Lamb of God, and his power to keep, and to save, unto the uttermost.

The reports of our Bible Schools are increasing encouraging, and of the deepening work of grace and the Total Abstinence Movement, amongst the inmates of our Boarding School at Providence.

During the Yearly Meeting large and important public Meetings have been held in the interests of Total Abstinence, Mission work, Biblical and Secular Education and Peace.

The importance of the issues to be brought

Before the Congress at Berlin attracted the attention of this Yearly Meeting, the business of the Meeting was suspended, and its members bowed in united prayer for a blessing in the name of the Prince of Peace, to guide the deliberations of that important congress.

Highly satisfactory and encouraging accounts of our Mission on Mount Lebanon have reached us. We are in regular correspondence with Brumana Monthly Meeting annually, and feel to encourage other Yearly Meetings to send annual Messages of cheer to the faithful little band of Friends whose labors on that "Goodly Mountain" are "not in vain in the Lord".

Our Yearly Meeting has agreed to assume the unconditional charge of the Normal School of Friends at Maryville, Tennessee, and has made an appropriation to aid the work there and on Mount Lebanon.

We have been saddened by the consciousness, that whilst God is blessing our labors, and Ethiopia is stretching out her hands to God, and captives from the land of promise are turning to the God and Savior of Israel, yet our membership includes many whose claim is only to be found in form, birthright, or an empty name, still strangers to the cleansing power of the precious blood of Christ and the joys of that salvation in which so many of the African and Syrian race and the Red Indian of our forests now rejoice.

Devoted servants of the Lord are earnestly laboring that this reproach may be removed, and that the sad language of St Paul, Rom. IX – 6 May cease to be applicable to the Society of Friends, "They are not all Israel, which are of Israel."

The claims of purity and holiness of life are becoming more recognised by us, also the axiom, "that the revival of religion which we need is one that will affect the Morals of the Church, as well as its religious sentiments, Making men's lives better" and awakening the Church to the

1878 fact, that a man may have a good deal of religiousness, and yet not possess the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ; and be a utter stranger to the peace an accepted Savior gives.

We bid you God speed in your noble extention of the work in the Central Indian Superintendency, and congratulate you in the choice of the two tried and beloved evangelists, (now in attendance of this meeting) whom you have selected as your resident missionaries. In their isolation again from all they love on earth, may Christ our redeemer, guide, protect and comfort them, and sustain them by His glorious promises.

Finally dear brethren in the Lord, in the name of Him, whose unsearchable riches these dear servants of the Lord go forth to proclaim, we bid you an affectionate farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O Newhall
Clerk.

To Baltimore.

Dear friends.

Your acceptable Epistle of Tenth Month last has been read in this Meeting, and it is cause of thankfulness to our Heavenly Father, that He so mercifully dispenses his Holy Spirit unto us, as to enamor our hearts with Heavenly love, and cause them to overflow with the effusions of brotherly kindness in tender sympathy one for another, so that we can reciprocate the assurance, "One is our Master even Christ and all we are brethren.

We have been favored with the company of several dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, who have in Gospel freedom declared unto us the necessity for greater dedication of our lives to the service of our Lord, and the promotion of Christs Kingdom in the earth.

Our Meeting has not been so large as in some former years, yet a deep interest has been manifest among us for the spiritual growth of all our members and that the Gospel of peace might more and more be spread in the world, until the knowledge of the Lord our Savior shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

Our Boarding School at Providence, as reported by the Committee having charge of its interests is in a flourishing condition.

We have received a lively and encouraging Epistle from our dear Friends at Brumana, Syria, which has cheered our hearts by the account of the progress of Christian Missionary work in that distant and benighted land.

Bible Schools have obtained an increased interest among our members, and the study of the Holy Scriptures has been, we believe, conducive to a more perfect understanding of their blessful and sacred declarations.

Reports of from Committees appointed by this Yearly Meeting last year to have charge of Mission work in North Carolina, and among the Indians west of the Mississippi, have presented to us touching accounts of their destitution, and of their need for continued assistance, and this Meeting has made such appropriations as are within its means for their help, and has encouraged the Committees to an active interest on their behalf.

Epistles have been received from nearly all the Yearly Meetings with whom we correspond, and we have felt that it is not a matter of mere formal courtesy that induces Friends to continue this correspondence, but a desire for the mutual interchange of love as brethren and fellow-heirs of the household of faith.

So dear friends may we all abide in Christ, the true and living vine, thus yielding much fruit to the honor of our Father in Heaven.

Brethren, farewell in the Lord, and may the love of Christ our Savior, and the communion of the Holy Spirit abide with us all forever; Amen.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William C. Newhall
Clerk

To North Carolina.

Dear Friends

Once more in the providence of God, we have been permitted to assemble in the capacity of a Yearly

1878 Meeting, and we feel gratefully to acknowledge that as we have met in the different sessions, the Holy Spirit has been manifestly present, in our midst to own and bless his children.

Your kind Epistle of Eleventh Month last was received, and as it was read with those of the other Yearly Meetings, we seem to realize afresh, that the bond of love which binds us together in our common Brotherhood, and to the Lord Jesus our Savior, is being strengthened year by year.

We have had much loving counsel from those who have come amongst us from other Yearly Meetings, as well as from our own members, exhorting us to a closer walk with God, and to the necessity of living pure and holy lives. The exhortation has often been, "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord."

As we have listened to the Reports of our different Committees, we have had great reason to be thankful to our Heavenly Father for the blessings of the past Year. Our Boarding School still shows signs of improvement over former years, and more especially in the religious interest which prevails among the students as well as those having the care of them.

Evidence is not wanting that many of these have found pardon of their sins in the Lord Jesus Christ, and are trying to follow in the foot-steps of the Master.

Our Meeting at this time has been clipped into great sympathy for the poor Indian beyond the Mississippi, and our committee has been encouraged to redouble its efforts to spread the everlasting Gospel of Christ among this benighted people, and to establish permanent Church organizations among them as way shall open for it.

The cause of Temperance still claims the earnest atten

tion of our Meeting and it is gratifying to know that it is steadily gaining ground with us. Our Motto is total abstinence from everything that can intoxicate — Wine - Cider and Beer included.

The Report of the Committee having charge of the Mission work within the limits of your own Yearly Meeting, was very satisfactory to us, we do really feel a lively interest in those poor people who have been so long cut off from having the glad tidings of salvation. We have reappointed our Committee, with our earnest prayers, that God will make their labors more and more a blessing in the time to come.

Our interest in Foreign Mission work is unabated, also in the cause of Peace, Education and Bible School instruction.

Now as we recount the blessings of the past, and remember that they all come from our Father in Heaven, we would encourage you with ourselves to a stronger faith in the Lord Jesus and in his power to care for His Church.

Finally brethren we commend you to God and the word of his grace,

Farewell

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm C. Newhall
Clerk

To Ohio

Dear Friends

Having been again favored by our Heavenly Father to meet in our annual gathering, we send you in his name this assurance of our Christian fellowship and love.

Your welcome Epistle of Eighth Month last, with similar communications from other Yearly Meetings, have been read in our Meeting, and we have been brought to realise, that, though widely separated by distance, we were closely united in spirit.

1878 It has been our privilege at this time to wel-
come several of the Lords Ministers from other
Yearly Meetings, whose labors among us, in
the cause of our Redeemer, have been cheering
and refreshing.

Our Meetings for social wor-
ship held between the sittings of the Yearly
Meeting, have brought us near in Spirit-thr-
ough humble confession, and have drawn us
together in Christian sympathy.

Though we confess
to deficiencies in the state of our Society, as
shown by the accounts from a few of the Quarter-
Meetings, we acknowledge with gratitude to our
Heavenly Father, that we have been able to report
indications of progress in some directions,
important among these being that of an increase
in our membership.

The subject of Education
has claimed our earnest consideration.

The continued growth
manifested in our Bible Schools, and the prosper-
ous condition of the Boarding School at Providence
with the increased religious interest among
the scholars and teachers, encourage us in the
belief, that the younger portion of our members
is, more than ever before, becoming qualified
to fill active and useful positions, in the
future of our Society.

The exercise of your
Yearly Meeting on account of the prevalence of
the corrupt- literature of the day, was a noticea-
ble feature in your Epistle to us, the subject
being one which we fear is not sufficiently
claiming the attention due to its importance.

A public Meeting has been held during
this Yearly Meeting, under the auspices of the
Committee on Education, at which this topic
was the theme of discussion.

We have maintained
our testimony in regard to War and Intem-
perance, both of which evils are, at the present

shown, a serious concern with us.

The reports from our Committees on Mission work among the Freed-men, the Indians, and from Bumana on Mount Lebanon, are encouraging, and we have been stimulated to greater efforts in those directions, regarding the injunction of our blessed Savior, to "work while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work".

And now brethren, in the name of Christ Jesus we bid you farewell.

May you be preserved in love, and as each succeeding year rolls away, may you receive fresh evidences that your labors have not been in vain in the Lord.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm C. Newhall
Clerk

To Indiana

Dear Friends

Our hearts are again drawn to salute you in Christian love and fellowship, desiring to realize more than ever before, the blessing of the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, and may this epistolary correspondence, which has been carried on between us, ever since you became a Yearly Meeting, continue to prove of mutual profit, and be the means under the blessing of Heaven of promoting our everlasting interest and increasing our love one for another, as brethren of the same household of faith, and may our Heavenly Father be pleased to grant, that nothing shall ever be suffered to disturb in any degree, this blessed union, which comes through the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Your acceptable Epistle of last year has been received and read, much to our encouragement and comfort, and we trust and believe has contributed still further to cement us together in love, which is the badge of disci-

1878 fleship, "One is your Master even Christ, and all ye are brethren."

Our Meeting this year has been smaller than usual, but notwithstanding, our zeal and our faith in the principles which we profess are not abated, and we have been favored to transact the affairs of the Church in much harmony and unity.

We have had at this time the company of a number of the Lords dedicated Messengers from different parts of our land, whose ministrations have been to our edification and we trust to the building up of many in our most holy faith.

The Report of the Committee having the care of our Boarding School at Providence has convinced us of its increasing usefulness and you would rejoice with ourselves, if you could witness the good work which has been going on in the hearts of the children there, during the past year, and the large number, who have really been born again and have become lambs of His flock and sheep of His pasture, we trust, to go no more out forever.

The Committee having charge of the Mission at Rummana on Mount Lebanon made a very interesting and satisfactory report, by which we learn that the Schools established there, have been sustained through all the threatened difficulties arising from the late war between Russia and Turkey, and have proved a shelter and a blessing to many.

The spread of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the duty of daily reading the Holy Scriptures have claimed much of our attention and called forth pertinent counsel and encouragement on these important subjects, and we were reminded of the necessity of going out into the highways and hedges, in order to gather the wanderers into the fold of Christ, where there is bread enough and to spare.

And now "may that peace, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" is the earnest prayer of our hearts. With the expression of this desire, for your welfare, we conclude and remain your friends

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm C. Newhall
Clerk

To Western Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends

Your annual token of love and christian salutation was gladly received, giving us another evidence that the Lords children every where speak the same language, in "Testifying of Christ as the only Means of salvation".

We are glad to tell you that Jesus loves us, and that Your Savior is our Savior too. Some of us are no longer young, we have heard the terrors of the law and we trembled, but glory to the dying Lamb we now believe in Jesus, and we love to tell the story of the Saviors endless love. God forbid that we should ever glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. By whom" said Paul, "The world is crucified unto me and I unto the world".

We also love to read the Bible and we love to sing the praise of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His Marvellous light, and turned us from the power of Satan unto God.

It was our Jesus who suffered for us without the gate, that He might sanctify us with His own blood. By Him therefore, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

A brother beyond the sea writes words of cheer to the workers; "Therefore brethren in Christ, fellow workers unto the Kingdom of God,

1878 take courage; Though members may despise your frequent repetitions of the Old Old Story, preach Nothing else. There is no dead Monotony in the story of the Cross. Preach Christ, and let all your teaching radiate from, and centre in Him. All the Scriptures testify of Him.

You can never exhaust the fulness that is in Him; there is enough in Him to meet the wants of the lowest and the worst; there is varied enough in Him to satisfy every fresh want of the soul, that has already known Him as a Savior."

The attendance at our annual feast has not been large, but soldiers of the cross from other fields, have been with us, comforting us with the same comfort, wherewith they themselves are comforted of God; coming up to the help of the Lord against the Mighty, like the servants of the King, saying, "Thine are we, David, and on thy side thou son of Jesse; peace peace be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers, for thy God helpeth thee."

In the love of the ever blessed Gospel, we bid you "God Speed" in every good word and work.

Oh, "Tune every string to Jesus name
And with angels sing the song of the Lamb."
For worthy is He that was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm A. Newhall
Clerk

To Iowa

Dear brothers in Christ.

At this annual gathering we miss your accustomed salutation of brotherly love which failed to reach us, yet we feel drawn to send you this token of affectionate remembrance.

We are glad to tell you that Jesus loves us, and that your Savior is our Savior too. Some of us are no longer young; we have heard the terrors of the law, and we trembled, but, glory to the dying Lamb, we now believe in Jesus, and we love to tell the story of the Saviors sinless love.

God forbid that we should ever glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, "by whom," said Paul, "the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world". We also love to read the Bible, and we love to sing the praises of Him, who has called us out of darkness, into His marvellous light, and turned us from the power of Satan unto God.

It was our Jesus who suffered for us without the gates, that he might sanctify us with with His own blood; by Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

A brother beyond the sea, writes words of cheer to the workers, "Therefore, brethren in Christ, fellow-workers unto the Kingdom of God, take courage! Though numbers may despise your frequent repetitions of the Old, Old story, preach nothing else; there is no real monotony in the story of the cross. Preach Christ, and let all your teaching radiate from, and centre in Him.

All the Scriptures testify of Him. You can never exhaust the fulness that is in Him; there is enough in Him to meet the wants of the lowest and the worst; there is variety enough in Him to satisfy every fresh want of the soul that has already known Him as a Savior.

The attendance at our annual feast has not been large, but soldiers of the cross from other fields have been with us, comforting us with the same comfort, wherewith they themselves are comforted of God; coming up to the help of the Lord against the mighty; like the servants of the King saying, "Thine are we David, and on thy side thou son of Jesse, peace, peace be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers, for thy God helpeth thee.

1878 As the different fields for Christian labor have been prominently brought before us, by the interesting reports from our several Committees, we have afresh realised the responsibility of our position, as workers in the vineyard of the Lord, and our hearts have been moved anew in sympathy for the needs of all those who yet dwell in darkness, we being mindful of the language of our blessed Master "For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat."

In the love of the ever blessed Gospel, we bid you God Speed in every good word and work.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm C. Newhall
Clerk

A copy of the foregoing Epistle was sent to Canada Yearly Meeting.

Wm C Newhall
Clerk

To Kansas.

Dear friends

We are in receipt at this time of your Epistles for 1876 & 1877, the former not having reached us in time for our Meeting last year.

In reading these messages of love and christian greeting, from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, our hearts have been cheered and comforted in the belief that we are all children of one family, brethren of one faith, having one common Lord, who is Head over all things to His Church, blessed forever.

Our Meeting this year has been somewhat smaller than usual.

We have been favored with the company of many dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, who have from full hearts proclaimed to us the unsearchable riches of Christ, and who, while the State of Society

was under consideration, gave us much pertinent counsel and admonition touching the deficiencies reported from the Quarterly Meetings.

By the Report from the Committee in charge of our Boarding School at Providence, we learn that that Institution is successfully pursuing the object for which it was established. The high religious and moral tone of the School as brought to view by the report is truly encouraging to us.

We have also had very interesting reports from the Committees on the concern of this Meeting on behalf of the Indians west of the Mississippi, on General Meetings and on Mission work; the reading of which introduced the Meeting into a lively expression of interest in and satisfaction with the doings of these several Committees.

Our Mission on Mount Lebanon continues to flourish, and is, we believe, through the Mercy of our Father in Heaven, helping to raise the poor benighted people from their degraded condition, through living faith in the blood of atonement, to a reliance and trust in God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have been favored to conduct the business brought before us in love and great harmony and have been refreshed together.

In conclusion we commend you to God and to the word of his grace, who is able to establish, strengthen, settle you,

Brethren farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm A. Newhall
Clerk

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Brumana Mount Lebanon, Bible Lands.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ

With the oft-repeated salutation of St Paul

1878 we would greet you wherewith he saluted the churches of Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus and Philippi, "Grace be unto you and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

We rejoice with you that in the abundance of His grace, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son", to die for us, and that through faith in His Name, we who were sometime far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ, and that through faith in His merits and not of our own works or deservings we are no longer strangers and foreigners, but heirs of God and of the household of faith, and joint-heirs with Christ, being sealed with His spirit, as the earnest of our inheritance.

We rejoice in the anticipation of the glorious appearing of the Lord from Heaven to put all things under him and swallow up death in victory.

We are reminded by your refreshing Epistle of 5th mo 7th 1878 of the blessedness of the communion of saints, although of varied dialect and nationality, we rejoice that the language of Canaan is the common heritage of all Gods children, and that name, which is above every name, we alike centre our joys and hopes.

The blessed name of Jesus the Light of the world, our Redeemer, our Resurrection and our God! We bless Him for the gift of the Holy Bible, with its story of our fall and redemption, its declaration of the humanity and the eternal Godhead of our Redeemer, and the path it points through faith in Him, from Death to Life, from Sin to Holiness and Glory.

We bless the Holy Spirit for the fulness of His office, leading us to the Lamb of God, and abiding in those who accept Christ, as a comforter and guide, revealing Him alone whom it is His office to exalt, a risen Savior mighty to pardon and to keep.

We note with deep gratitude the Lords preserving care of your little flock, and though we mourn the orphans and widows wail around you, which have pierced your hearts, we bless the Omnipotence of the arm stretched out for your protection and the literal fulfilment of Gods covenant with you, "The Angel of the Lord is round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them." May the deliberations of the European Congress now assembling result in a lasting and permanent peace, based on equity and righteousness, the sword be again sheathed, and joy wing its way to homes now groaning neath the curse of war.

We are gratified that our Epistle of last year which spoke so freely of the Lord Jesus, the Prince of Peace and the Savior of His people comforted you.

The interest of your Mission seems not only deepening, but widening amongst Friends on this Continent, our dear friend Eli Jones, to whom you so tenderly refer, is earnestly engaged in the interests of Burmana, and in proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ. The progress of your Schools and Mission work amidst Many discouragements and the flourishing condition of Burmana Monthly Meeting are themes of fervent gratitude. May your little band, abiding in Christs keeping power, with lives dedicated to His service, shine as a bright beacon light amidst the people of the land of the Bible, and with the winning story of the Cross, the glories of the resurrection, and the present offers of peace through the finished work of our living Intercessor, prove Mighty through God in the regeneration of that land. In your Holy Mission we desire to cheer you with the remembrance of the Divine Covenant (Acts XVIII-9) "Be not afraid but speak, hold not thy peace, for I am with thee. Finally beloved in the Lord farewell. "May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be and abide with you forever, Amen." Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall } Clerks

1879.

Minutes 1879

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends, for New England held at Smithfield, Maine, commencing on Seventh day 26th Month 4th 1879.

2. By the Records received from our several Quarterly Meetings it appears that the following Named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting for:—

From Rhode Island — Jacob Mott, James B. Buffum, Obadiah Chace, James Dennis, Albert K. Almy, Benjamin F. Browne, Allen Jay, Samuel R. Huffington and Joseph C. Hazard.

From Salem — [illegible] Hoag, Rose Cooper, Thomas Folsom, William C. Nichols, Charles Coffin, Peter M. Neal, Gilbert C. Hoag, Josiah D. Chadwick, Obed Chase, Daniel Wade, James E. Haydock and Elias Folsom.

From Westbrook — George Routledge Jr., Edward G. Wingham, James D. Congdon, Isaac R. Potter, George Gurney Gifford, Josiah Holmes Jr., Gilbert R. Wing, David R. Chase, William C. Tobey, Arnold Gifford, Matthew Copeland, John T. Wicks and Edwin Wood.

From Falmouth — Samuel Jones, George Douglas, Daniel M. Doane, Clement R. Hanson, Allen Robinson, Silas R. Hathaway, Augustus C. Tripp, Joseph Hinds, Abram Winslow, Timothy Hanson, James E. Goddard and [illegible].

From Smithfield — Richard Bailey, Thomas R. Rawlins, James S. Arnold, Thomas Lawton and Reuben A. Wheeler.

From Vassalboro — J. William Jacob, Clement R. Jones, Charles A. Cates, Thomas B. Nichols, Obed S. Jones, Josiah Philbrook, Jedediah J. Varney, Alfred H. [illegible], William Cowgill, Stephen Jones, John C. Varney and Winslow H. Jones.

From Dover — Jacob R. Brewster, Elias Hooper, Nathan F. Tuttle, Timothy H. Hussey, William H. [illegible], Samuel H. Jeffers, [illegible] Hoag, Ira J. Jenkins and Thomas E. Roberts.

From Fairfield — Henry Winslow, Reuben D. Jones, George Richardson, George R. Wing, Zeno K. Mas[illegible]

being called. They are acceptably present except [illegible] of whom satisfactory reasons have been [illegible]

3. [illegible] accredited on our records in 1876, is again acceptably in attendance of this Meeting.

4. We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Daniel [illegible], Wilson [illegible], Edward [illegible], Elwood [illegible], Mary [illegible], Thomas [illegible], Ellen [illegible], and William [illegible] from [illegible] Yearly Meeting; [illegible] and with their present religious engagements.

5. Our friends, Mary S. Kimber, an Elder, accompanying her husband, Thomas Kimber, with a minute of unity from [illegible] New York Monthly Meeting, and Elihu Cobbs, [illegible] with us.

6. Many acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of [illegible], Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, [illegible], Indiana, Western, Iowa, and one from Canada for the year 1877, which did not come to hand [illegible] from Kansas, have been read at this time to our comfort and satisfaction, and we appoint the following named Friends, to prepare, as way may open, [illegible] William Jacob, Abner Potter, James G. Arnold, Charles [illegible], William H. Beal, Elijah Cook, Daniel Beede, Nathan Haviland, William P. Macomber and Hannah H. [illegible].

1879.

[illegible]

[illegible] and W. Howland, a vacancy [illegible] committee on Finance of this [illegible]
[illegible] Representatives At this Meeting [illegible]
[illegible] Friend [illegible]

[illegible]

Afternoon — Met pursuant to adjournment.

[illegible] Howland, Jr. [illegible]
[illegible] Nominating William C. Nowhall, for Clerk, and [illegible]
[illegible] which nomination being [illegible]
[illegible] year.

[illegible] Howland, Jr., be appointed a member of [illegible]
Committee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the
death of Edward W. Howland, which is [illegible]
and he is accordingly appointed a member of [illegible]
Committee.

[illegible]
Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as [illegible]
[illegible]
Metcalf, an Elder, and Member of Providence Monthly
Meeting, died Third Month 7th 1879, aged 83 years 5 months
and 10 days, and Ruth Anthony, an Elder, and Member of
Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 27th
1879- aged 75 years, 7 months and 21 days; and [illegible]
has united with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting
in acknowledging the gift and approving
public ministry of William H. [illegible]

Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Rebe R. Dixon
to the station of Elder; Olivia C. Oliver an Elder and mem-
ber of the Monthly Meeting, died
ged 76 years, 11 months and 13 days, Ruth J. Challis, an Elder,
month 2nd, 1879, aged 72 years, 3 Months and 23 days; Salem
Monthly Meeting
n, to be held on Fourth-day before the first Fifth-day in
ach Month at 3.30, P.M. in joint session
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that Isaac R.
Gifford, an Elder,
ting, died Eighth Month 2nd. 1878, aged 91 years, 2 mos
and 7 days. Nathaniel Gifford an Elder and Member of
Westland Monthly Meeting
Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift-
approving the public Ministry of William Thomp-
Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Angeline S. Hicks
and approving the public Ministry of Nan F. Sut-
tle, and appointing Lucy Jones to the station of Elder,
and the Monthly Meeting has released Rebe R.
Goddard, 2nd, from the station of Elder, and that Fal-
Monthly Meeting has appointed John Pope,
respondent, in place of George Douglas, who has
Monthly Meeting
to the station of Elder; the same Monthly Meeting has
under Timothy K. Lar
Mass.
Coro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has
united with China Monthly Meeting in acknowledging
A. Frye, and with Wassaloro Monthly Meeting in the
appointment of Gilbert Aldrich to the station of Elder;
Nathan S. Pope, an Elder, and Member of Wassaloro

1878.

Monthly Meeting, died Ninth Month [illegible]

of the same Monthly Meeting, [illegible]

[illegible] Minister, and member of [illegible]

and 23 days, Doris Varney, an Elder, also a member of the same Meeting, died Fifth Month 10th 1879, aged 76 years 6 [illegible] Daniel Cook, an Elder and member of this Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 7th 1879, aged 75 years 7 months and 9 days.

[illegible] Fourth Month, 8th 1879- aged 91 years, 8 months [illegible] Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 16th 1879, aged 77 years [illegible] days.

12. The Committee having the care of the Morning Report, which having been read and deliberately considered, is satisfactory to the Meeting, and very cordially united with; and we conclude to appoint the following named Friends, on the part of this Meeting, a Committee to propose at a future [illegible] a School Committee for the year ensuing, Viz:

[illegible]

James G. Arnold, Eli Jones, Charles B. Cal[illegible] R. Purinton, Timothy B. Hussey, I. Warren Moses Bailey.

Report of the Boarding School Com[illegible] to the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee having the care of the [illegible] have given attention to the important conc[illegible]

... such meetings appointed ... more immediate care of the ... the interim, by which means the ... School and of the management ... the Institution; which have been very ...

... several past years, has been doing a very good work ... and has sustained its previous character for efficiency ... and culture.

... religious interest which for some time ... has been a marked feature in the School, has continued ... the discipline of the School, and its health, ... are, we believe, in part the result of this ... and its ... for ...

... number of Scholars in attendance has ... for the Autumn Term, 201, and for the Spring Term, 176.

... Meetings for religious worship, on First and ... days, have been continued, and have been seasons of comfort and edification to many who have enjoyed the privilege of ... them.

... ted ... year.

At the meeting of the Committee Second Month 4th., we ... and satisfactorily conducted the affairs of the Institution for the past ... Owing to the ... of his health, he was under the necessity of declining to renew his engagement for further service in the School.

... Committee was fully sensible of the propriety of his withdrawal from the responsible position which he has so long and so acceptably filled, they ... yielded his decision, and deem it but just ... at the close of his long term of service, that

administration, the buildings and premises have
accrued for the benefit of the school.

special Meeting held Second Month 25th, reported
that they were unanimous in proposing the name
of Augustine Jones as Principal for the ensuing
year, which proposition, after serious considera-

next.

It is expected that the School will be continued
on substantially the same basis as heretofore, nearly all the
teachers previously employed having been already re-
engaged.

The account of the Treasurer of the School
Fund shows that he has received as

Income from the General Fund ($90.166,01,)	$ 5.709.50
Received by him from the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting as income of $12.000, a Fund in his hands,	541.35
From returned fire insurance premium	228.50
	$ 6.479.35

Payments.

Balance due the Treasurer last year,	$ 43.97
Fire insurance premiums paid,	512.50
Paid A. K. Smiley, Principal, on behalf of the school,	5.922.88
	$ 6.479.35

From the Charitable Fund.

Balance on hand last year	$1.128.87
Income from the Fund (amounting to $33.137.50)	2.301.70
	$ 3.430.57

Payments

School bills paid for twenty three Scholars,	$ 2.580.00
Remaining in Treasurer's hands	850.57
	$3,430.57

The accounts of the Principal of the School show the following items of receipts and expenditure:

Receipts

Income received from the Treasurer of School Fund,	$5922.88
Income from board and tuition for the year	37.314.62
	$43,237.50

Expenditures

Salaries &c teachers and officers	$13.627.36
Wages for labor	5.865.44
Provisions	12.710.05
Fuel and light	2.455.89
Water	380.31
Repairs and replacements	5.597.83
Incidentals, including periodicals, additions to library, medicines and postage	487.16
Estimated profits remaining	2.113.46
	$43,237.50

The tax upon the Real estate for the year 1878, amounting to $2.963.80 has been paid from the accrued profits of the School.

Yearly Meeting Boarding School, in account with George Howland, Jr., Treasurer of N. E. Y. Meeting.

1878		
Sixth Month 5th	To balance from last year,	$2.568.06
" — "	To dividend on bonds,	135.00
" " "	" premium on gold,	1.18
Eighth Month 7th	" Amt rec'd from A. K. Smiley	2.256.90
Ninth " 2d	" dividend on bonds	135.00
Twelfth " 5th	" " " "	135.00
1879		
Third Month 3d	To dividend on bonds	135.00
Sixth " 1st	To Amt rec'd for interest	40.00
		$5,406.14

1878		
Sixth Month 11th	By amount paid A. K. Smiley per order of Committee	$2.568.06
Eighth Month 22nd	By amount paid City of Providence for curbing,	255.80
		2,823.86

Amt over

	Amount brought over	$2.823.2
Eleventh Month 11th	By amount paid Thomas Harkness, Treasurer of the School Fund	271.1
Twelfth Mo 9th	By amount paid do do	135.0
1879		
Third Mo 3d	By " " " "	135.0
Sixth Mo 3d	" " " A. K. Smiley, per order of Committee,	2.041.1
Errors Excepted		$5,406.1

George Howland, Jr.,
Treasurer N. E. F. Meeting.

New Bedford, Sixth Month 3d. 1879.

The following list comprises the names of the officers and teachers for the year which will close on the 24th inst.:

Albert K. Smiley, Principal
Daniel C. Maxfield, Governor and Teacher of English branches.
Thomas J. Battey, Teacher of Natural Sciences.
John M. Potter, Teacher of Mathematics.
Francis B. Gummere, Teacher of German and English branches, who had leave of absence for six months to pursue his studies in Germany, during which interval the place was filled by Clarkson Collins.
Seth K. Gifford, Teacher of Latin and Greek.
Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of Female Department.
Susan S. Moore, Governess and Teacher of English branches.
Bessie T. Wing, Teacher of French, History and Literature.
Martha G. Read, Teacher of Mathematics.
Mary Amy Collins and Elizabeth G. Wills, Teachers of English branches.
Sophia E. Pitman, Teacher of Drawing and Painting.
Allen Jay, Clerk and Accountant.

At our meeting in the Seventh Month a proposition to appoint a Committee "to consider the rates of tuition fixed for admission to the school, and collateral questions affecting a proper consideration of this subject" was approved, and a Committee

appointed, who reported in the Fourth Month, the following rates, which the Clerk was directed to embody in the report to the Yearly Meeting.

For members of our Yearly Meeting, per annum, $100.00
" " " other " Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, 190.00
For all others who may be admitted. 300.00

One half payable at the commencement of the year, and one half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars each, to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German or Drawing.

The Committee having obtained access to a good likeness of the late Obadiah Brown, through whose liberality the School was so largely endowed, have caused to be painted a portrait of this early friend of the Institution, which has been placed in the reception room of the school, where also hangs a portrait of his venerable father, Moses Brown, its founder.

With an appreciation of our loss, we have to inform the Yearly Meeting that Benjamin Buffum and Edward W. Howland, two of the active and efficient members of the Committee, have deceased during the year.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee
George Howland, Jr.,
Clerk

Boarding School
Providence Sixth Mo, 3d 1879

Note.— The Autumn term begins Ninth Month, 3d 1879, and closes First-Month 21st, 1880. Winter recess begins First Month 21st, 1880, and closes Second Month 4th, 1880. The Spring term begins Second Month 4th, 1880, and closes Sixth Month 22d 1880.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the Meeting of the Committee on the 5th day of the Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received.—

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable funds should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal Address, Augustine Jones, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

13. We have at this time the acceptable company of our dear friend, Helen Balkwill, a Minister, with satisfactory testimonials from the Monthly Meeting of the West Division of Devonshire, held the 14th of Third Month, 1877; endorsed by the Quarterly Meeting of Devon and Cornwall, held the 11th of Fourth Month, 1877; and from London Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; held in London, the 21st and 22nd of Fifth Month and the 1st of the Sixth Month 1877.

14. We have also the acceptable company of our dear friend, Sarah G. Pumphrey, wife and companion to Stanley Pumphrey, with a satisfactory minute from Bury Monthly Meeting, held at Sudbury, England, Seventh Month 22d 1877.

15. We have the acceptable company of our dear friends Ruth L Murray, from New York Yearly Meeting, and Deborah C. Thomas, from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory minutes from their respective Meetings expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements.

16. Lydia Stanley an Elder, accompanying her husband, Joseph Stanley, with a minute of unity from Damascus Monthly Meeting, is also acceptably in attendance of this Meeting.

17. We appoint our friends. Obadiah Chace, John H. Cronman, Gideon Wood, Samuel Jones, Paul A. Randall, Caleb Jones, Albert C. Buffum and George Richardson, to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries received from our Quarterly Meetings, and present it at our next sitting.

18. We appoint Albert K. Smiley, Owen Dame, David K. Akin, George Douglass, Richard Battey, Charles B. Cates, William B. Dennis and Henry Winslow a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the

Treasurer of this Meeting, to the present date; to propose a sum to be raised sufficient to defray the Expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year; and to propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer, also the name of a Friend for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund, and report at a future sitting.

19. The following statistical information has been received from our several Quarterly Meetings, Viz:

	Number Reported last year	Gain in last year since report	Gain in last year since report Loss	Births	Deaths	Moved in	Moved out	Admitted	Released	Gain	Loss	Present Number
Rhode Island	675	1		5	12	15	3	44	1	49		724
Salem	684			2	12	11	3	2	3		3	681
Sandwich	754			6	18	3	0	15	1	5		759
Falmouth	578		9	4	6	14	8	20	6	9		587
Smithfield	445	2		0	10	0	6	1	2		15	430
Vassalboro	524		6	1	10	0	4	4	2		17	507
Dover	333			1	6	0	5	6	3		7	328
Fairfield	453		1	5	6	7	8	4	6		5	448
Total Gain	4446	3	16	24	80	50	37	96	24	63 16	47	4462

Adjourned to 10 o'clock Second-day Morning the 16th.

Second-day Morning, the 16th
The Meeting again assembled. Representatives present except Ep.

20. The Meeting now entered upon a consideration of the State of Society, as presented by the Answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings, proceeding therein through the second. After which, much pertinent and salutary counsel and advice were handed forth both by beloved brethren visiting us, and very largely from our own members, when the Meeting adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon — Assembled pursuant to adjournment.

21. The consideration of the State of Society was resumed and concluded.

Minute on Exercise of the Meeting.

It was cause of reverent thankfulness, as we engaged in this enquiry into the condition of the Church, that a solemn covering of the Lord's spirit was spread

over us, not only to show Himself gracious to us, but to qualify faithful servants and witnesses for Him, with long-suffering and doctrine, to counsel, to warn and to encourage.

We were reminded that now as of old, they that feared the Lord will be glad to meet often together to render the heartfelt homage which is due to His great name. Indeed our very existence as a healthy religious body largely depends upon this.

Not more do our natural bodies need regular and frequent sustenance than does the Church need this stated and frequent presentation of its members for the worship of our Father in heaven and to feed upon the bread of life.

We were reminded that in our experience as a Christian body the punctual attendance of our religious meetings, with a sincere desire that we may be blessed in them, was a pretty sure indication of their spiritual condition.

And when we are met together for the worship of God what is our attitude before Him, and how are our minds occupied? Are the true hunger and thirst after righteousness experienced, which the Master of assemblies is engaged to satisfy? Are we so engaged in the occupation of the spiritual gifts which the Father is pleased to bestow, that they who may be drawn to come in among us, are like those of old convinced of all and judged of all, and are constrained to "worship God, and report that God is in us of a truth"? And do we remember that on these occasions it is our duty, and also our blessed privilege, to make a part of that spiritual house, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ? In our service for Him are we careful with consecrated powers, to do His bidding at our very best, and as skilfully as we may?

And may none stifle or restrain in our own hearts the gifts which God may have dispensed to us for the good of others, as coldness and blindness would not only follow such unfruitfulness in us, but our condition would also hinder the blessed work in the hearts of others and we should thereby become, in a two-fold sense, stumb

blocks in the Church.

Another incentive to our meeting together for Divine worship, we were assured, would be found in the exercise of that Christian love from which alone can spring the unity of the Spirit which is the true bond of church fellowship. If we really love as brethren, how naturally shall we desire to present together our petitions for the supply of our own and the church's need, to partake together of the feast of fat things which the Lord will make unto this people, and together to mingle the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all His wonderous works.

In some instances a deficiency in the regular attendance of meetings for discipline is reported. Are any of these meetings dry and formal in the transaction of routine business and thus become unattractive, particularly to our younger members? "Hold all your meetings" said George Fox, "in the power of God;" and this injunction is certainly applicable to our Meetings for discipline. If in these Meetings we were to consider with warm interest how the Lord's work is going on within our limits, whether the flock is shepherded, the lambs nourished, and in each neighborhood the new converts visited and encouraged, we believe the inquiry would not only be helpful to the Church, but would add interest to the occasion, so that an increased attendance would follow.

We were affectionately exhorted to uprightness and Christian probity in our dealings among men, "walking honestly toward them that are without." The godly care that should be upon us, and that our predecessors maintained, was recommended. "When ye were faithful at the first;" writes George Fox, "the world would refrain from you, and not have commerce with you; but after when they saw ye were faithful, and just in things, and righteous and honest in your tradings and dealings, then they come to have commerce and tradings with you the more, because they know ye will not cozen them nor cheat them." As this integrity and upright walk is maintained, we shall be preserved from bringing reproach upon the name of Christ, while a watchful care is needed on the other hand that we suffer not the unlawful pursuit of worldly things to hinder our progress, and thus, as the Same

writer declares "our Minds go <u>into</u> the things and not <u>over</u> the things". We were also cautioned with respect to our manner of living and our expenditure of Money for personal gratification and indulgences, when the pressing want of so many of our fellow creatures, not only of outward comforts but of gospel teaching, was before us.

The Christian is called to a life not only of self-denial, but of consecration of his talents and the means which God has given him, to the service of his Lord, that he may know individually the fulfillement of the prophetic declaration "I will consecrate their gain unto the Lord and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth."

The information from our Quarterly Meetings shows not only a slight increase in our membership, but that religious awakening and renewed life is apparent in different localities.

An earnest desire was expressed that the next years might be years of harvest to New England Yearly Meeting, and that the Lord would multiply our seed sown, and increase the fruit of his righteousness.

Summary Answers

Answer 1st. All our Meetings for worship and discipline have, with a few exceptions, been regularly held, First-day Meetings are usually attended by the larger part of our members. Mid-week Meetings and those for discipline are neglected by many. The Hour is observed with little exception. Unbecoming behavior is mostly avoided.

Ans 2nd. Love and unity are maintained with little exception, — detraction nearly guarded against. When differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

Ans 3d. Most Friends, we believe, are concerned to maintain a religious life and conversation

and endeavor, by precept and example, to train up their children in accordance with our Christian profession.

Ans 4th. We believe Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually as well as collectively in their families; encouraging their children and others in this religious duty, and maintain our testimony to a free gospel ministry, with some exceptions.

Ans 5th. We believe the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, is confined to a few of our members. Some are not as careful as would be best, to avoid amusements and diversions, inconsistent with a Christian character. Moderation is generally observed.

Ans 6th. The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved. Care is taken to educate their children.

Ans 7th. Clear in the several parts of this query with exceptions in some of the Quarterly Meetings.

Ans 8th. We believe nearly all our members are careful in these respects.

Ans 9th. A few omissions of recording under notice and a few removals without certificates, some care taken.

Ans 10th. Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially and to place judgment when it appears necessary, in the authority of truth and according to discipline.

22. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, together with a minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, viz:

Minute of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, Sixth Month, 1879.

1879

The Queries were read in this Meeting, with Answers thereto from our several Quarterly Meetings, a summary of which the Clerk was directed to lay before the Yearly Meeting, with the accompanying Minute.

Ans 1st. Ministers and Elders are, we believe, diligent in attending their Meetings for worship and discipline, and are careful to promote the attendance of their families, with little exception, from one Meeting.

Ans 2nd We believe Ministers and Elders endeavor to have their lives and conversation clean and blameless amongst men, and with little exception they are in unity one with another, and with the Meeting to which they belong, harmoniously laboring together for the honor of truth.

Ans 3rd. They endeavor to rule their own houses well, and by example and precept to encourage their families in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession.

Ans 4th. We are in a good degree preserved in love, and endeavor to be ready to administer encouragement or counsel, as occasion requires, in reference to Ministry or conduct, with little exception in one preparative Meeting.

Whilst engaged in this investigation, we were forcibly reminded of the injunction "Watch unto prayer" that no diversity of sentiment, no feeling of indifference, or individual tenacity of opinion may be permitted to intercept the full and free circulation of that pure love which emanates from our Father in Heaven, and which brings into closer fellowship one with another, and into a blessed union with the Holy Head. Our hearts were humbled under a fresh sense that this portion of the church needs a further baptism into Christ, that it may be more thoroughly cleansed from all defilement, and be better

prepared to labor harmoniously and effectually, under the Lord's guiding hand, for the repairing of breaches, the restoring of crumbling walls, and the promotion of His own blessed cause. We reverently acknowledge the cause is His, and the power is His, and that it is only as we receive the anointing which comes from Him that we can be fully prepared to discharge our varied duties, and witness Him to be the "Healer of breaches and the Restorer of paths to dwell in.

On behalf of the Meeting

John Paige, Clerk

23. The following Minute from the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland, was received and read, as follows, Viz:

Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland.

As it appears particularly desirable that we should have a correct list of the correspondents appointed by London, and by each of the Yearly Meetings in America, our correspondents are directed to apply for this information, when forwarding our Epistles to each of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

They are also directed to request the several Yearly Meetings to be careful to have the signatures of their correspondents attached to their Epistles, by forwarding to each Yearly Meeting a copy of this Minute.

Correspondents. Henry White Clerk

Adam Woods, 20 Temple Lane. 6 Eustace St., Dublin

Thomas W. Fisher, 12 Cope St.

24 The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by the Yearly Meeting.

25 By the Records of the Representative Meeting it appears that the following subject from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting is referred to this Meeting, Viz:

To the Representative Meeting

This Meeting is desirous of asking of the Representative Meeting the following question:

Has a Minister the right of appeal from the

decision of a Monthly Meeting to that of a Quarterly Meeting, when its approval of his Ministry has been denied him?

From the Minutes of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at South Durham, Eighth Month 31st 1878.

Charles W. Webber Clerk

Whereupon we appoint, on the part of this Meeting, our friends, Josiah Holmes, Jr., William C. Jaber, Augustine Jones, Jacob K. Purinton, Eli Jones and Albert K. Smiley, a Committee to whom we refer the subject, and they are requested to report at a future sitting

26. Our beloved friend, Rufus P. King of North Carolina Yearly Meeting is now with us and has presented Minutes from his Monthly and Quarterly Meetings expressive of unity with him as a Minister, and with his present religious engagements. His company is acceptable to us.

27. The Committee to whom was referred the Concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, made the following report, Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting in relation to the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians report,

That they have not found the way open for any action on their part calculated to promote the object had in view by the Meeting in their appointment. The peculiar position of this people is such, and such the action of the legislature of the State of Maine in relation to them that the way seems to be closed for any further proceedings on the part of this Meeting in their behalf, and the Committee would recommend that no further action be taken by this Meeting upon the subject.

On behalf of the Committee

James B. Congdon

Portland, Sixth Mo 16th 1879. Sarah M. Richardson

The report is accepted by the Meeting and we now release the Committee from further service.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Third-Day Morning, Sixth Month 17th.
The Meeting assembled in joint-session pursuant to adjournment.

28. The following proposition from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is received, viz:

"Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders propose that the hour of holding that Meeting in the Fifth Month, at East Greenwich, be changed from 2 o'clock to 3 o'clock in the afternoon, with which this Meeting unites."

Which is approved by this Meeting and the change is accordingly made, and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

29. The joint Committee on the subject of Temperance have presented the following report, viz:

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

The Committee appointed in the Sixth Month last, to labor in the cause of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks, report, that they have endeavored to attend to their appointment as way has opened in this important service. Realizing the necessity of a right education for the children, that the coming generation may occupy a true position in relation to this absorbing question, the Committee have continued their efforts in circulating the "triple pledge" in our Bible Schools; believing this to be an efficient means of moulding the young mind against the use of intoxicating drinks, a habit that is sending so many thousands annually to an untimely grave, and threatening seriously the future welfare of the nation.

Certain localities in the Yearly Meeting having claimed our attention where labor seemed to be especially needed, some twenty temperance

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Meetings have been held during the year, which service we have reason to believe has been gratefully received, and we humbly hope and trust will prove a permanent blessing.

As we believe through the instrumentality of your Committee, a call has been issued during the past year upon the various churches of the land, by the State Temperance Convention of Maine, inciting them to unite their efforts against the use of intoxicating drinks, that fruitful source of crime, guilt and misery, which is rolling through our midst, permeating every class in the community, from the senator in the halls of State to the laborer on the street, and from the professed Minister of the "Prince of Peace" to the open and avowed advocate of unbridled wickedness, merging its votaries in one common ruin.

Notwithstanding the increasing interest apparent among Friends upon the great question of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks, there is still labor needed in the Society, to stir up the members to a more lively appreciation of their responsibilities upon this important subject.

Especially is work needed in certain portions of our Yearly Meeting, where members indulge in what are called the "lighter stimulants," deeming them not only harmless, but useful; but, alas! in the end this indulgence has been found, in too many instances, to "bite like a serpent and sting like an adder".

In reviewing, therefore, the ground we occupy at present upon this important question, the Committee feel it is no time to slacken our efforts; but on the contrary, having stood at the front for more than two centuries, in this warfare, we ought still to be found at our post, our zeal increasing, "our lamps trimmed and burning, and so shining" that others seeing our good work may glorify our Father which is in Heaven.

We recommend that this concern still be under the care of a Committee, and that two hundred dollars be appropriated for the purpose of defraying their expenses for the coming year.

On behalf of the Committee

James P. Boyce

Charlotte D. Holmes

Portland, Sixth Month, 16th. 1879.

This report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the appropriation of the sum called for by the Committee is referred to the Committee on Finance. While engaged in the consideration of this important subject, a concern was expressed that our members refrain from the use of tobacco. We feel sympathy for those who may be addicted to its use, but to these and all others, we commend the language of the apostle to those who, for Christ's sake, had submitted to a close examination of their daily walk and habits of life, "What carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal. In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter."

We conclude to set apart the following named Friends to present at a future sitting, the names of suitable Friends to constitute a Committee, to whom these important subjects may be committed, viz: Allen Jay, James P. Boyce, Edward S. Hacker, Susan Ann Gifford, James B. Congdon and Harriette D. Collins.

30. The joint-Committee on Foreign Missions made their annual report, which was read, and the interesting and valuable information which it contained was supplemented by members of the Committee. It is cause of much satisfaction to the Meeting that so much has been accomplished in this field of labor during the past year. We are comforted with the conviction that the work has been a blessing to the Yearly Meeting. We desire to encourage those who may be entrusted with this concern the coming year. And believing that usefulness would result from the appointment of a new Committee, we appoint our Friends, Albert K. Smiley, Timothy B. Hussey, George Howland Jr. Charles F. Coffin, Harriet N. Jones, Obadiah Chace, Ann Maria Coffin, Henry T. Wood, Sylvia G. Howland, Allen Jay, Eli Jones, and Moses Bailey, a Committee to propose at a future sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to whom this concern may be confided the ensuing year. The appropriation called for in the report is referred to the Committee on Finance for consideration.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The joint-Committee to whom was intrusted the charge of carrying out the concern

of the Yearly Meeting, in regard to Foreign Missions, presents the following report, Viz:

We can reverently acknowledge that the year, also, the Lord has been our Helper, and has made a way where it would seem there was no way, so that there is reason to praise Him and take courage believing it is His work.

The Mission work has been carried on during the past year as before. The Training Home appears to be in a most satisfactory state at the last examinations, not only as regards the progress of the pupils in their studies, but also as to their general conduct. It is expected that in one year some of the scholars will graduate as teachers, and will be able to impress for good the people among whom they work. There are now twenty-four boys at the Home, fourteen more than last year. They manifest good abilities and are well trained by their teachers.

Beside the Training Home, there are ten day schools under the care of the Mission. The children are taught the simpler branches of education, and earnest endeavors are also made to exert a christian influence over these young minds.

The Medical Department, for which additional facilities have been provided, is doing much good among these poor people. Three thousand patients have applied for medical aid during the year. Sometimes during the summer, there would be seventy present in one day. Out of three hundred cases of measles, ten were fatal. Out of fifty who were treated for diphtheria, three died.

While thus endeavoring to cure the bodily ailments, patients are also directed to the Great Physician, who is able to cure sin-sick souls.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at Bumana, and the Monthly Meeting in due course. Several have expressed a desire to become members, and three have been accepted; the other cases are under consideration. The first death in the Monthly Meeting was that of Abee Joseph, who had been for two years a member, during which time he had not once failed to attend the Meetings for Worship and Monthly Meeting.

He entered into rest on the 18th of Eleventh Month 1878. Theo. Waldmeier says—"He was a bright simple follower of Jesus. The Gospel showed its enlightening and regenerating effects upon his heart." Before he closed his pilgrimage, he said, "It is wonderful how my Heavenly Father deals with me! Oh! how sweet it is to feel His presence at the hour of death. Some people are afraid to die, but I rejoice in Him who conquered death for me! I do not need a priest nor any other mediators or ceremonies, because Christ has completed His work in me and for me." More than seven hundred people attended the funeral, and there was a good opportunity to witness for the truth and preach the Gospel among them.

Isaac Shammah, our Bible reader, has been engaged during the year in visiting, in the love of the Gospel, among the neighboring villages and elsewhere. He spent some time in Ramallah, Jerusalem, Jericho and Bethlehem, and also felt called to visit places in the northern boundary of Syria. He found there a number of people who were much inclined to the principles of Friends. The Gospel was preached, and many hearts touched during these journeys, and it is believed the visits were blessed to many souls. With some other members of the Mission, he went down to Beirut to assist the destitute and suffering women and children, and while relieving their bodily miseries they had also a good opportunity to present the "Bread of Life" to their souls. They were listened to with eager attention, and much feeling manifested.

Our transatlantic Friends, who are associated with us in the work upon Mount Lebanon, and who have borne far the larger share of the burden, have also a Mission at Ramallah, near Jerusalem in Palestine. A deputation, consisting of George Satterthwaite and Henry Newman, have lately visited this Mission, and also that at Rummana in Syria; they reached Ramallah on the 19th of Third Month last. G. S. writes, "A warm welcome awaited us on our arrival. The longer we remain here, I think I may truthfully say, the appreciation of what has been done grows upon us. At the Mothers' Meeting more than fifty women were in attendance.

On First-day morning, men, women and children all

assembled at half past seven. It was a touching sig
to us, and I think it may be said we were blessed b
our Heavenly Father. The number of adults was prob
bly one hundred, the men and women sitting on oppo
site sides of the room, while the boys and girls, abou
one hundred and twenty, sat in the middle on the flo
Jacob Hishmah, Ibrahim Jasso and myself spoke
and prayer was twice offered."

They found in the girls school
at Ramallah, sixty pupils, and at the Boys Eighty-nine
They also say, "The total number of children in ac
tual attendance at the seven schools, when we visited
them was three hundred and twenty-six, viz: two hundred
and twenty two boys and one hundred and four girls
The children are for the most part very, very poor;
but they strike us as generally intelligent."

On Fourth Month 9th. the delegation
left Beirut for Brumana, some ten miles distant.
H. S. says, "About half way down Beit Mary and
Brumana, our dear friend, Th. W. met us on horse
back. His greeting was, as you may suppose, most
warm and fraternal. He seemed unable to control
his emotions. After a while we proceeded, and
shortly after were met by the children from several
of the Mission Schools and the twenty-four pupils from
the Training Home. They sang hymns of welcome.
It was very touching: but our feelings were still
more wrought upon when we approached the house,
the number being largely increased, and the tokens
of affection were so abundant and evidently sincere.
The teachers in the branch schools in the village
round, under Th. W.'s superintendence, are Men of his
selection, from the neighborhood who are most of them
members of the Monthly Meeting, superior in intelligence
and, it is believed, good christian men.

Then there is Maulim Isaac, the scripture reader
and Missionary, who goes to the neighboring villages;
an earnest minded Man, though not physically strong,
and has a poor, afflicted sweet-spirited wife, almost
blind.

On First-day morning Fourth Month 13th a
large company assembled at 10 o'clock, perhaps

150 to 170, including not a few children. We felt it an important and deeply interesting occasion; to see so many gathered so much like a meeting of Friends at home, though so unlike in complexion and costume, and to witness what God had wrought, and how he had blessed the laborer, was quite affecting.

At three o'clock was the First-day School for boys, girls and a few women, more than one hundred, I think this school is calculated to do much good.

The examination of the boys at the Training Home was very interesting and very creditable."

Since our last report a Girls School has been started at Beit-Mary with an attendance of twenty or more, mostly the daughters of Druse parents. The school is taught by a daughter of Im Yusef, the Bible reader and missionary. The mother has charge, also, of a First-day School among that strange people which is as a light amid surrounding darkness.

From the account of the Treasurer we learn that there has been received from all sources (including the balance on hand from last year, and $800 appropriated by the Yearly Meeting) the sum of $1.804.36

That there has been sent to Brumana	$1.653.13	
Amount paid sundry bills	29.66	
Balance on hand	121.57	
		$1.804.36

We would respectfully propose to the Yearly Meeting to appropriate the same sum as last year ($800), for the use of the Committee for the ensuing year.

For the Committee
George Howland, Jr.,

Portland Sixth Month 16th 1879.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon — Assembled in joint-session pursuant to adjournment.

31. The following proposition was introduced by our friend Stanley Pumphrey, from England; The formation of an American Board of Friends Home and Foreign Missions composed of representatives appointed by each of the

American Yearly Meetings"; which having been read, received the favorable consideration of the Meeting. It was concluded to refer the subject to a Committee of men and women Friends, who are requested to give the subject a more careful consideration; to confer with Friends of other Yearly Meetings upon it, as way may open and present their judgment thereon to our next Yearly Meeting, viz: Eli Jones, Albert K. Smiley, Henry T. Wood, Allen Jay, James Dennis, Wm C. Taber, Matthew Howland, Wm C. Newhall, Josiah Holmes, Jr., Moses Bailey, Joseph H. Pratt, Joseph E. Briggs, Ellen K. Buffum, Wm H. Beal, Rachel S. Howland, Rebecca H. Smiley, Anna T. Dennis, Anna G. Wood, Ann Maria Coffin, Margaret B. Cates, Hannah G. Sawyer, Gulielma Treeborn, Anna M. Hussey, Harriette D. Collins and Elisabeth P. Nichols.

32. The Committee on Education have presented their report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Education report that they have attended to the subject referred to them, and that they believe that there is a growing interest in education throughout the Yearly Meeting. This is shown in the greater number of applications of Friends for admission both at the Boarding School and at Haverford.

The Committee has for a number of years called the attention of the Meeting to a class of young men who are desirous of a college course, and have not the means. We now educate large numbers to the extent of preparing them for college, and there our charity ceases. Other denominations on every hand hold out scholarships and educational facilities to these persons to our great and irreparable loss.

We very properly aid remote mission work, but we ought not to neglect our own children, who are earnestly asking for the means and opportunity of greater usefulness. New England children have been largely supported at Haverford by the benevolence of Philadelphia Friends, who were anxious to preserve the life of the College. Even the Professors, while receiving

very small compensation for their valuable services, have been forced, by their regard for the College and their sympathy for students, to share the same with them.

There can be no question that the educational work of the College is very thorough and satisfactory; and that those able and faithful men ought to have our hearty support and encouragement; for Haverford holds a very important relation to the coming generations of the Society of Friends in New England.

The Committee therefore recommend that the sum of one hundred dollars be placed in the hands of a Committee, to be expended in assisting students from New England at Haverford, if in their judgment any persons may need such aid. We mention a small sum because the Meeting is not perhaps in a condition to do more.

We believe that even this amount will attest our interest in the College; and further, that it will call the attention of Friends directly to this important subject, and possibly it may furnish a foundation for private contributions.

On behalf of the Committee
Matthew Howland
Augustine Jones
R. S. Howland
Caroline Alice Jones

This Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and we commit the subject to the same Committee the year ensuing, viz: Augustine Jones, Caroline Alice Jones, Matthew Howland, Aseneth Tetlow, John F. Tucker, Rachel S. Howland.

33. The Joint-Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians located west of the Mississippi River, report as follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Joint-Committee on the concern for the improvement of the Western Indians, report that meetings of the Associated Executive Committee have been held, in the Fall of 1878. at Cincinnati, and in New York, in the Fifth Month. 1879. Meetings of sub-committees, to confer with officers of the Government

upon the best interests of the Indians, and also meeting upon religious interests and missionary labor, have been held from time to time, as occasion has required.

The general work of instructing the Indians in civilization, and the means of procuring a livelihood, without a resort to the hazard of the chance of teaching the children in schools, and of bringing all classes under the influence of the religion of Jesus Christ, has, in spite of many untoward circumstances, made encouraging progress during the past year. The number of Indians under the care of the Associated Committee has not varied Materially for several years. Formerly this number was about 17,500. During the past year, after many changes the resignation of some of our agents, and the removal by the Department of two others, apparently to make room for political appointments, the tribes still under our control were found to number 16,100.

The Schools in the several Agencies have reported a good attendance during the year, and the teachers, have, we believe, discharged their duties with conscientious fidelity. We think that the interest on the part of the parents continues to increase.

Of the 2,666 children reported of the age to attend School, 973 were in attendance of the twelve boarding and three day schools in the different Agencies.

The religious interests of the Indians, which are perhaps the most important under consideration, have received earnest attention, although the uncertainty of our permanent continuance in some portions of the field has retarded our progress. The removal of Agent Newlin by the Department, and the appointment of H. C. Linn as Agent of the Indians in Kansas, has led to the transfer of their religious and educational interests to the Roman Catholics. In one or two other Agencies, where our control is only partial, the presence of profane and otherwise immoral white persons as employes is unfavorable. The great number of adult Indians who can hardly be reached from want of knowledge of their language also seriously hinders the work. Notwithstanding all these discouragements our Missionary work has perhaps

never been so fully prosecuted, or with more favorable results than during the past year. The somewhat permanent location of our friends Elkanah and Irena Beard within the limits of the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency, mainly under the auspices of Friends of New York Yearly Meeting, is great cause of satisfaction to the Committee. A wide field of usefulness is open to them in this large and important Agency to which they were warmly welcomed, not only by the Indians but by the troops at Fort Reno.

In the Second Month last, Lewis Tatum and his wife left their home in Iowa for a pretty thorough visit to all the Agencies in the Territory which are under the care of Friends. Their intimate knowledge of the Indian character, from a long residence among them, and a warm christian interest in their welfare, render these dear Friends valuable as missionaries. An interesting and circumstantial report was received from L. Tatum, at the Meeting of the Executive Committee in the Fifth Month. These laborers are still engaged in the Territory.

Until this year, while reaching all ages and nearly every class in the general scope of civilization, and an endeavor to lead them to cultivate the soil, to raise cattle, and generally to abandon their roving and shiftless habits, our influence was still largely confined to the young in the Boarding and day Schools, and to the considerably added number who were accustomed to attend the First-day Schools. The good which has been accomplished through these agencies it would be difficult to estimate; but to reach effectually the great body of the people, it seems evident that the patient, continuous effort of the skillful and warm-hearted Christian Missionary is required. We believe that our efforts in the future must be materially affected by the experience which we have gained in this direction.

While we can gratefully acknowledge that a blessing has attended our labors, we must acknowledge that our relations to the Government have not always been satisfactory. Sometimes an apparent lack of appreciation of the policy of dealing with the Indians, which was inaugurated by President Grant, has been seen in the slowness of the Department in meeting its obligations and furnishing the necessary supplies for the Indians. Sometimes the pressure of politicians and of those whose cupidity and self interest prompted a change in the administration of Indian affairs, and sometimes a

willingness to listen to the gross and generally unfounded charges of unfaithfulness on the part of some of the agents, have often made the work difficult and unsatisfactory.

The late removal of Agent Jones from the Quapaw Agency, in violation of the promise of the Government appears to have been in consequence of apparently malicious charges preferred against him, which can be proved to be groundless, and which no opportunity was given him to meet.

We feel it just, however, to add that the Indian question has not been an easy one to solve on the part of the Government, and also to say that our interviews with President Hayes have been uniformly marked by kindness and generally by cordiality on his part. Believing that the time had come for that step, the Committee, a few weeks since surrendered to the President all responsibility for the civil administration of Indian affairs.

The Committee believe, however, that an open door remains for effective labor with this people, who are no less than before in need of our help, and that Friends should suffer no slight obstacle to stand in the way of continued efforts for their elevation to a higher plane of civilization and Christianity. With this conviction they believed it right to ask the Yearly Meetings to forward to our Treasurer, Charles F. Coffin, of Richmond, Indiana, their several proportions of $2000 in aid of the work for the coming year. The proportion of this sum for New England Yearly Meeting is $340.

The death of our friend Edward W. Howland leaves a vacancy on this Committee not easily filled; he felt a strong interest in the welfare of the Indians, and had spent much time visiting them in their distant homes. He also contributed freely of his means for the prosecution of the work.

The school at the Quapaw Mission, under the care of this Yearly Meeting, has been larger than at any previous time. Eighty-six names have been enrolled (forty one boys and forty five girls), with an average attendance of Sixty-two.

Of this number seventy-five speak English understandingly ten are beginning to speak it, and one, who has lately entered, cannot speak a word of our language. Twenty can read and write well, and have a general knowledge of the ordinary English branches. One of this class is fitting herself to teach. Emmeline Tuttle writes, "On Sabbath

School has been full of life and interest; and our children love the study of the Bible better than almost anything else. I think I never saw a class that would answer questions more readily. Many of them show by their conduct a settled religious expience; but all need tender, watchful care." A meeting for worship has been regularly held on First-days in the Agent's house. The Committee have felt much sympathy for our friends Asa and Emmeline Tuttle in the loss of a little daughter, their youngest and only remaining child; she was buried in the Ottawa burial ground beside her two little brothers. There have also been deaths among the Indian children; one of these was an intelligent, promising lad, who was converted at the Ottawa Mission several years ago; he was often engaged in prayer, sometimes vocally. Four days before he died, during the evening collection, he seemed remarkably happy, said the Lord had blessed him, and after meeting shook hands with all present, while the tears trickled down his cheeks.

The Committee have drawn from the Yearly Meeting Treasury, and expended during the year, $689.78. E. Tuttle reports that their wants have been well supplied, the clothing sent suitable and satisfactory. In concluding the account of the year (which will probably be her last at the Mission) she says, "We have had to deal with civilized, half-civilized and barbarous Indians of the West; we have visited them in their cabins and their tents; we have prayed with them in sickness and in health; we have laid our dead beside their dead, and we have all wept together.

And now in recounting the past with its many cares, its sore bereavements and rich blessings, we can say with the Psalmist; "Truly the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; His tender mercies are over all His works; He has done great things for us whereof we are glad."

On behalf of the Committee
Henry T. Wood.
Ellen K. Buffum.

This Report is very interesting and satisfactory to the Meeting, and we deeply sympathize with the Committee in the arduous labors which have been before them, and although as much has not been accomplished as we had hoped, still we do rejoice in what has been accomplished; several dear friends now with us from abroad, who have visited the Agencies have greatly encouraged us by the

accounts which they have given of the religious awakening and progress which they witnessed there. We conclude to continue the concern under the care of the same Committee, with the exception of our late friend Edward W. Howland, the Committee is encouraged to attend more especially to the religious interests of this hitherto greatly wronged and neglected race.

The proposition for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

Committee on Indian Affairs.

Henry T. Wood, Anna G. Wood, Martha Jay, Eli Jepson, John F. Tucker, Wm C. Newhall, Ellen K. Buffum, Eliza P. Smiley, Sarah Caroline Tobey, Susan Peckham, Mary W. Jones, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Elizabeth K. Hoxie, John J. Frye of Portland, Myra E. Frye, Thomas J. Battey, Sarah W. Goddard, Hannah T. Jenkins, Joseph E. Briggs, Thomas B. Buffum and Rebecca Anthony.

34. The Committee under appointment, for mission work in North Carolina and other States in the South, made the following Report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:

Our work during the past year has been a very interesting one. We have continued the schools a part of the year in the same neighborhoods where we commenced them two years ago, and very marked progress is the result. We find that the influence of education is very elevating in its character, and that as persons advance in knowledge they are more ambitious, and anxious to learn, and are willing to make sacrifices in order to do so.

There have been ten schools, averaging four and a half months each, held under the care of this Committee, within the limits of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, since our last report. Three of these schools were in Iredell County, two were in Yadkin, one in Surry, one in Stokes and two in Guilford County, North Carolina. One was in Blount County, Tennessee, where there is a very interesting and needy field of labor in a neighborhood of Friends.

One of these schools was held under the auspices of a Committee of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, in the State of Maine. They co-operated with us in the work, and paid the expenses of sustaining the School.

considerable money, book, clothing, &c, have been voluntarily contributed by individuals and societies, to promote the interests of this mission. Also, people where the Schools have been kept have given to the utmost extent of their ability to help sustain them, which has enabled us to extend the work, so that during the past year we have helped to educate four hundred and forty one scholars between the ages of five and twenty-five years, more than one half of whom were the children of Friends.

Bible-Schools were sustained in the neighborhood of each School, and some of our teachers held tract-readings, bible-study meetings, organized temperance societies, &c. The mission work, in addition to the educational part, has been abundant, and greatly blessed.

A member of this Committee visited the Mission field in both North Carolina and Tennessee last winter, and he gives a very favorable and encouraging report of the work, and of those for whose interests we have been laboring. He speaks of many of the scholars being very intelligent and studious, and he says that they and their parents greatly appreciate what is being done for them. We have received many letters expressing gratitude for the interest we take in them.

Besides the bibles, money, tracts &c, voluntarily contributed to aid this work of benevolence, we have received six barrels of clothing during the past winter from Friends of this Yearly Meeting, a part of which was sent to Tennessee, and part to North Carolina. The donors can never know in this world how much benefit was derived from this donation.

Many who before receiving this were deprived of the inestimable privilege of attending Meetings, Bible-Schools, &c, have with tearful eyes and grateful hearts asked blessings on those who gave them this timely aid. Some of the accounts of their needs and of their earnest expressions of gratitude on being relieved have been very touching to our hearts.

One man said that he could not help weeping when he heared that a Minister from New England was expected at their Meeting one First-day morning, because he could not attend it for want of suitable clothes to wear; but we were told that he went to the evening meeting and gave a sweet testimony to the love of God in his heart. Many of our Friends there live in log houses with but one room, but some of them seem to have abundant treasures in Heaven.

One of our teachers in speaking of the liberality of

Friends here, writes, "May God grant that the givers may be as much blessed as the receivers have been". A letter recently received from a lad of seventeen, who has attended one of our schools, says, "I do thank the Giver of every good and perfect gift that He ever put it into the hearts of your New England people to help us poor unworthy creatures down in the Mountains of North Carolina". He and many others manifest a great desire to get an education and be fitted for usefulness in the world.

Our teachers have all been untiring in their zeal and efforts to promote, in every possible way, the welfare of those among whom they were laboring. They have had sometimes unpleasant difficulties to surmount, on account of intemperance and other vices which in some places surround them, there being several liquor distilleries in that part of the country, and tobacco being the principal product of the soil; but they have gained the conquest every time, and been able to sustain their temperance and other organizations, and to steadily add numbers to their ranks. Two of the teachers remain there now without remuneration, to continue the mission work, sacrificing the comforts of home in order to do it: Another one remained a month after her school closed, when she was summoned home on account of sickness in her family.

A spirit of revival and religious interest still continues in the limits of Deep Creek Monthly Meeting as last year. Seventy-one persons have been added to its membership by request since our last report a year ago.

There are four hundred members in all belonging to the Monthly Meeting. Although much has been done for these dear people, yet much remains to be done; but we think the time not far distant when they can help themselves and their neighbors. They seem willing to do what they can. We would recommend that the work be continued in care of a Committee another year, and that $500 be appropriated for its use. It is impossible for us to give in a condensed report, more than an outline of the work and its needs. Much could be said that would awaken sympathy and interest, but the influence of what is

done will, we believe, soon speak for itself, in the Education and elevation of many who will be bright, shining lights in our country and the Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannah J. Bailey
Cor. Secretary for the Committee.

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Committee on Promotion of Education in North Carolina Yly. Mtg. in account with Matthew Howland, Treasurer.

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First Month.	To paid on account of School books	$ 75.06
	" " Fa Bibles and Testaments	21.95
	" " On account teachers salaries	459.65
	" " " Board of Missionary and Scholars	35.00
	" " " postage on Books and Papers	7.67
	" " " temperance Tracts and Cards	10.95
	" " S. A. Holmes, - Expres on clothing	3.00
	" " Hannah J. Bailey, - Expres	2.00
	" balance in hands of Treasurer	190.20
		$ 805.48

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Sixth Month.	By amount of balance from last year	$ 91.36
	" " rec'd. from Treasurer of Yly Mtg.	600.00
	" " " of Susan J. Thompson, for board of Teacher during summer Months	5.00
	Do Do Do Rachel S. Howland.	5.00
	Do Do Do Henry T. Wood	5.00
	Do Do Do of sundry Friends	10.00
	Do Do Do Do Litchfield Mo. Mtg.	60.00
	Do Do Do Do Teachers in part-payment of School Books	29.12
		$ 805.48

Matthew Howland Treasurer

Portland. Me. Sixth Month 13th 1879.

The report is accepted and very satisfactory to the Meeting, and we are greatly encouraged by the success which has crowned their efforts in this extensive field of labor, which is so white unto the harvest.

The Meeting concludes to continue the concern under the care of the same Committee, and the subject of an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finances. Committee, Benjamin F. Knowles, Joseph E. Macomber, Julielma

Freeborn, Gertrude W. Carland, Joseph S. Nichols, Matthew Howland, Joseph N. Swift, Hannah G. Hoxie, Sarah A. Holmes, George Douglas, Esther Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Alfred H. Jones, Elizabeth S. Frye, Mary R. Jones, Richard Battey, Sarah Jane Swift, Joseph Taylor, Hannah J. Bailey, Albert C. Buffum, Lydia C. Tuttle, Rachel S. Howland, Moses Bailey, Charles M. Jones, Charles F. Coffin, Ann Maria Coffin, Rebecca Hoag and Moses Sawyer.

35. The Friends appointed to nominate a Committee to have the care of the Boarding School, the ensuing year, report the following named Friends, Viz: Charles F. Coffin, George Howland, Jr., Moses Bailey, Wm C. Taber, Timothy B. Hussey, Timothy K. Earle, Samuel R. Buffinton, Henry T. Wood, Richard Battey, William C. Manor, Thomas B. Nichols, Augustus F. Cox, James H. Chase, James O. Inman, John F. Tucker, Peter M. Neal, Ellen K. Buffum, Ann Maria Coffin, Sylvia G. Howland, Ann B. Earle, Hannah J. Bailey, Ann K. Colton, Hannah B. Sawyer, Launa S. Collins, Rebecca G. Grinnell, Anna G. Wood, Deborah W. Crossman, Abby S. Battey, Elizabeth H. Austin, Sarah F. Tobey, Esther Jones and Caroline E. Earle, which is approved by the Meeting and they are accordingly appointed to that Service.

36. The Committee appointed for that service propose the following named Friends for a Committee on Temperance. The nominations are approved by the Meeting and they are accordingly appointed; Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

We, the Committee to propose the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Temperance, have united upon the following, Viz:

James P. Boyce, Chairman, Zephaniah Breed, Augustus F. Cox, Edward S. Hacker, Eli Jones, Albert C. Buffum, Albert C. Hill, Joseph E. Briggs, Isaac Warren Hawkes, Charles W. Goddard, Samuel R Buffinton, J. William Jacob, George C. Herbert, Charles Fisher, Gideon Wood, David S. Wood, Ellen K. Buffum, Susan T. Thompson, Elizabeth C. Wing, Myra E. Frye, S. Jane Cox, Susan Ann Gifford, Lydia Haight, Eliza Philbrook, Lydia E. Sawyer, Harriet N. Jones, Gulielma M. Purinton, Phebe M. Wadsworth, Charlotte D. Holmes, Elizabeth P. Nichols, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Sarah

Hill and Harriette D. Collins.

On behalf of the Committee

Allen Jay

Portland, Sixth Month 17th, 1879.

Adjourned to meet in joint-session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Fourth-day Morning, Sixth Month 18th.
The Meeting assembled in joint-session pursuant to adjournment.

37. The Committee to visit subordinate Meetings and the Committee on General Meetings have presented their annual Reports, as follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

Every member of this Committee has manifested an interest in the work, and most of the Subordinate Meetings have been visited by one or more of our members during the past year; also, many families and individuals, the sick and infirm, and those who for any cause did not attend the Meetings where they were members. This home-mission work seems to be a very important and interesting one.

We have been cordially received by those visited, and have found many of the Meetings in a lively and very flourishing condition, while others are only hopeful and encouraging, and very few are indifferent or apparently dormant. Some of the Meetings are very small, and in some there seems to be a lack of sympathy between the older and younger members. A baptism of the Holy Ghost on all is needed, to enable them to work together harmoniously and effectually. We think too, that there should be less criticism on those who labor publicly, and more prayer for them; and as members are added to our branch of the Church, there should be more nursing ones, to encourage and strengthen them. In some places Friends are laboring outside of our own Society as well as in it, not neglecting either,—thus showing that they love their neighbor as themselves.

Much religious interest prevails in the Eastern Quarters, and in some of the Western. Many Ministers young in experience, as well as the older ones, and many private Christian workers, are laboring earnestly for the upbuilding of the Church, and the promotion of religion in their midst.

We as a people need consecrated hearts. "The fields are all white," in New England, and waiting only for skillful

hands to gather in the precious harvest.

While the Committee has been doing something to advance the interests of the blessed cause of the Redeemer, it seems as if we had only begun the work, and it should be continued earnestly, persistently, prayerfully, as long as there are so many struggling souls, and hungry ones asking for bread. And we would recommend to the Yearly Meeting the appointment of one Committee this year on General Meetings and other Gospel work.

On behalf of the Committee
Hannah J. Bailey Clerk

Portland, Me. Sixth Month 17th 1879.

Report of Committee on General Meetings.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Joint Committee on General Meetings present the following report:

Eight General Meetings have been held during the year, at Lynn, New Bedford, and Nantucket; in Massachusetts, western Rhode Island, and North Berwick Manchester, China and Augusta, in Maine. These have comprised more than one hundred religious meetings, begun and carried on with an earnest desire for the glory of God, and seeking for Divine enlightenment and strength.

From reports received of the results of such labor we learn that the Meetings were held, as was believed, to the honor of Truth, and the Gospel preached fully and clearly. There was a manifest interest among the people the good work was deepened in some hearts, and others were awakened to a sense of their great need.

One distinguishing feature was the Bible readings, which were held in connection with many of the Meetings, and were found very interesting and profitable.

We recommend the subject to the continued care of the Yearly Meeting, and we believe we express the feeling of the Committee on Subordinate Meetings, as well as our own, in recommending to the Yearly Meeting the appointment of one Committee this year for Gospel Work and General Meetings.

On behalf of the Committee
Timothy B. Hussey
Hannette D. Collins

Portland, Sixth Month 16th 1879.

These reports are satisfactory and encouraging to the Meeting, and especially, that Meetings held under the care of the Committee were, as they believed, to the honor of Truth, and the Gospel preached fully and clearly. At the suggestion of the Committees, now under appointment; we conclude to release the two Committees, and appoint the following named Friends a Committee to present, at a future sitting, in separate sessions, the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to whom the whole subject may be committed; under the name of "The Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel service." Viz, Albert K. Smiley, Anna T. Dennis, Eli Jones, Rachel S. Howland, Moses Bailey, Hannah J. Bailey, Sarah A. Holmes, Rebecca N. Smiley, Wm. C. Newhall, J. William Jacob, Charles C. Varney, Margaret B. Cates, Harriette D. Collins, William C. Taber, Charlotte D. Holmes, Josiah Philbrook and Harriet N. Jones.

38. The Committee, appointed to serve this Meeting on behalf of the Freedmen, made the following Report, Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:

Soon after the appointment of the Committee to attend to your concern for the Freedmen, we arranged with Wm P. Hastings to take charge of the Freedmens Normal Institute, at Maryville, Tennessee, and conduct it in the best interest of its Students.

Since then we have had to feel the loss, by death, of our dear friend, Edward W. Howland. We believe he will be much missed in our Yearly Meeting, serving as he did, willingly and efficiently on many of its important Committees, that were appointed for bettering the condition of our fellow-men, especially the Indians and the Freedmen, in whose interest he labored, sparing neither his time nor his money.

We are able to report that the School was opened in Eighth Month last with an enrollment, at the close of Ninth Month, of one hundred and seventeen pupils, and during the following months, up to the close of the school, the enrollment increased to 229.

A Normal Class of twelve was formed in the opening months of the school, and it steadily grew until, in Second Month, it numbered fifty-four pupils, who were receiving suitable training to fit them for successful teachers.

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Fifty, who were former students at the Institute, have been teaching schools, within the last year, in six or seven of the Southern States, with a success equalling the whites, who taught-schools of the same grade.

In these Schools 2700 pupils, or more, including those at Marysville, have been taught within the past year, at an expense to Friends of less than fifty cents for each Scholar, and as demands for Institute teachers are on the increase, we hope that Friends will not relax their efforts to meet it.

While the usual branches taught in Schools, similar to that at Marysville, have been attended to, the Moral and religious training of the pupils have not been overlooked.

There has been an unusual interest taken in the subject of religion by the pupils and others out of the School. A Minister, among Friends belonging to that section, under a sense of religious duty, held a series of Meetings among them, and a large number was convinced of the truth that they were sinners and stood in need of forgiveness: and they sought and obtained it through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and are now conscientiously endeavoring to live a life in keeping with what they understand to be the truth, and it makes it more easy to govern the School.

In view of the advantages offered by this School to elevate the Colored People, we would recommend that the Committee be allowed to procure, by subscription, means, and use the same to fit up a building now standing unoccupied upon the premises, so that it can be used to accommodate self-boarders; this would make the School, it is believed by the Principal, much nearer self-supporting,—a condition very desirable

Statement of Finances

Balance on hand last year from sale of property at Washington	$737.42
Received from J. J. Buxton through the hands of J. Dickenson.	96.96
Appropriated by this Yearly Meeting	800.00
	$1634.38

Expended

Paid William P. Hastings	1300.00
" for recording deed	2.50
	$1302.50

Balance now on hand $331.88

To continue the School the coming year, we would recommend that this Meeting in addition to the above balance, appropriate one thousand dollars.

A Friend living in Maryvill near the Institute, and engaged in a similar enterprise, writing to a Member of this Committee last winter says: "I believe that your Normal Institute for Freedmen is as successful as any Institution that I know of either White or colored, It is one of which New England may well be proud, and Professor Hastings is one of the most successful and practical teachers in the South, just the right man in the right place. The Institution has a considerably larger number of students this year than ever before."

Similar information has come to other members of your Committee. All of which we submit to this Meeting with W. P. Hastings' Report of the Institution, hoping that best wisdom may direct.

On behalf of the Committee

B. F. Knowles

Portland, Sixth Month, 17th 1879.

To the Freedmens' Committee of New England Yearly Meeting.

Report of the Freedmens' Normal Institute, Maryville, Tennessee, from Eighth Month 21st 1878, to Fifth Month 21st, 1879, including the school year.

Whole number of days taught	188
" " Enrolled	229
Average " belonging	122½
" " daily	90
Per cent of attendance	73 9/20
Number of teachers in training class	54
" teaching in different States	30
Greatest number taught at any one time by these teachers	2500
Number of self-boarders in the building	19
" " regular " " " "	11
Cost of board to each self-boarder, per week	$0.75
" " " and washing to regular boarders	$2.00

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Whole number of self-boarders who either boarded themselves in the building or elsewhere.	53
Whole number regular boarders with the Principal and Assistant	36
Total number of boarders	71
Whole " " in the Primary Chart class	20
" " reading from books	225
" " taught- Spelling orally	105
" " " Written Spelling	210
" " " Arithmetic orally	20
" " " Written Arithmetic	202
" " " Mental "	202
" " " English Grammar	158
" " " " Composition	104
" " " Geography	69
" " " United States History	22
" " " Geology of Tennessee	20
" " " Latin	2
" " " Physiology	10
" " " Natural Philosophy	2
" " " Algebra	2
" " " Book-Keeping	5
" " Sent out to teach (from the first)	66
" " of colored people belonging to Maryville Monthly Meeting of Friends	44

Sabbath School and Mid week meetings have been continued through the year. It has pleased the Lord to manifest His love toward us in an unusual manner within the last three months. Jesse McPhearson, a Minister of Maryville Monthly Meeting, held a series of Meetings among the colored people, in Third and Fourth Months, which resulted in a profession of salvation by seventy five souls. More than two-thirds of these were students of our School.

Thirty one colored persons made application for membership with us; whereupon Lost Creek Quarterly Meeting, by the application of Maryville Monthly Meeting has directed that a Preparative Meeting be Established among them. Their Meetings for Worship and Discipline are to be held in the Institute Building. They Express themselves much gratified with the liberty of serving the Lord directly under the guidance of

the Holy Spirit, which privilege they regard as peculiar to the Society of Friends.

Feeling grateful to our Heavenly Father for the unprecedented prosperity of the school and the religious work connected therewith, during the past year, we submit this Report, with the prayer that He may still continue to prosper His work among this much abused and needy people.

Wm P. Hastings
Principal

This Report is highly gratifying and very encouraging to the Meeting. We conclude to continue the concern under the care of the same Committee, with the substitution of Moses Bailey, in the place of Edward W. Rowland, deceased.

The Committee are left at liberty and encouraged to solicit subscriptions and apply the same to fitting up the building proposed.

The subject of an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee are Benjamin F. Knowles, Charles J. Coffin, Moses Bailey, Gertrude W. Cartland, Ann Maria Coffin and Hannah J. Bailey.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon — assembled pursuant to adjournment.

39. The Committee to promote Scriptural Instruction in Bible Schools, made the following Report, Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

In presenting our Annual Report we gratefully acknowledge that the blessing of God has rested richly upon our labors during the past year.

Soon after our appointment, impressed with the importance of personal inspection of our Schools, and association with our Bible School workers, Harriet N. Jones and Harriette D. Collins were appointed our agents to carry out this plan, who have endeavored faithfully to discharge their duty. They have visited pretty generally in all our Quarterly Meetings, have attended four Quarterly Meeting Conferences, appointed twelve special Meetings in the interest of Bible Schools, held thirty Bible Readings

and visited about the same number of Schools. This service has been gratefully received, and visitors and visited have rejoiced together as we have drunk from the wells of Salvation, opened afresh to our hearts by the powerful touches of His love so beautifully unfolded to us on the sacred page. We note with especial gratitude God's hand in bringing from the bondage of sin into the glorious liberty of the sons of God some bright examples of His saving grace since our last rep These promise much usefulness in the Church.

While our own children rightly claim the first place in our care, we recognise the great fact that the field is the world, and would encourage Mission Schools, and also a generous cordiality to any who may come under our instruction. In this way many who otherwise would remain ignorant may be reached and saved.

On comparison with our schools of last year, we believe that the march has gone steadily onward. More interest is manifested to-day than at any former period, in the study of the Bible; for which we thank our Heavenly Father. Still it is not a time for us to sit contentedly down in our comfortable homes as though nothing more were to be done. Some of our meetings have no organised Bible Schools reported in them. We have done what we could to arouse an interest in those places and encourage the sometimes discouraged ones to try to make our own Schools the centre of attraction to us. As our children are still brought in contact with temptation and will be through life, we have considered prayerfully what could be best done to promote their real welfare, and advise that a portion of time be devoted to careful Bible teaching, on the principles of total abstinence from all intoxicants, the use of tobacco and profanity. In some places our wishes have already been responded to, and quarterly temperance lessons have been given.

The Triple pledge has been presented to the most of our schools with very good results. We recommend a similar plan of work in the future, and pray that more and more we may become acquainted with Christ, being living illustrations

in word and deed of the Bible Christianity.

We would again remind our dear friends that promptness in sending returns would enable us to give you more acurate statistics than we are at present able to do. From all that we can obtain, we come to the conclusion that our average numbers have not diminished since last year, and the teaching is of a higher order, especially in this respect, that there has been more study and more memorizing the Sacred Scriptures than before.

We find on examination of our returns that there are twenty-three conversions reported this year among our Scholars. There is not only joy in our hearts as we give you this intelligence but we believe there is joy in the presence of the Angels of God also.

The amount of money raised the past year, as reported, is one thousand three hundred and eight six dollars, Most of this was from the school in New Bedford and Expended in finishing a commodious and attractive School-room. We have in our libraries Eight-thousand two hundred and five volumes. We would suggest that great care be taken in regard to the literature we place before our children. With greater avidity than the Earth drinks in the rain, their placid minds imbibe the intellectual food that comes to them in their reading. In replenishing your libraries, we hope a shelf will be devoted to the best publications on Alcohol and its effects physically, socially, morally and religiously.

In conclusion we would commend this all-important subject of Bible study to the prayerful attention of every member of our Society, in the earnest inquiry — What can I do to promote the interest and welfare of the Bible Schools of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends? From the appropriation made last year, there remains sixty-five dollars unexpended. We would propose that this sum remain in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, to be drawn by a Committee that may be appointed, and that one hundred dollars more be appropriated by this Meeting to aid this Committee in the work assigned them.

Mary J. Rogers
Secretary

Portland, Sixth Month 16th 1879

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting and we

conclude to commit- this deeply interesting and im
portant subject- to the Committee, already under appo
tment-, with the addition of Hannah T. Pratt and Sarah E.
Buffinton, and they are encouraged very particularly to
guard carefully the literature which may be added t
our First-Day School Libraries. The Committee are
Charles Taber, Harriet-N. Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, George
H. Tarr, Henry Winslow, Elizabeth K. Taber, Elizabeth P.
Nichols, Phebe N. Wadsworth, Harriette D. Collins, Mary J.
Rogers, Hannah S. Wing, S. Jane Cox, Esther Osborne, Margare
B. Cates, Guilelma M. Purinton, Mary G. Winslow, Hanna
T. Pratt and Sarah E. Buffinton.

40. The Joint- Committee, under appointment- to disburse
the income arising from the Mosher Fund, presented
the following Report-, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Joint- Committee appointed to disbur
the income arising from the H. H. Mosher Fund, report tha
they have received from the Trustees of that- Fund
the income accruing from the same, amounting to
$500. The Engagement made previous to our last-
report- to appropriate a sum not- exceeding $200.
for the use of the Mexican Mission, to Enable them to
print- and circulate- in the language of that- Coun
try, books illustrative our religious principles, h
been fulfilled, for which the sum of $181.33, was paid

In connection with the Trusties of Obadiah
Brown's Benevolent Fund, the Committee has publishe
an edition of the "Epistles of George Fox," by Samuel
Tuke, of which work 588 copies have been taken by
us. The books have been very lately received from the
printers and are only partially distributed. The Com
mittee has also contracted for the printing in England
of a small edition of the "Memorials of John Ford", and
it- is expected that the books will be ready for
circulation within a few weeks. Some smaller book
and a large number of Friends' tracts have also
been distributed during the year.

The income from
the Fund At this time will be fully absorbed wh

the present engagements of the Committee are fulfilled.

On behalf of the Committee
Henry T. Wood
Rebecca H. Smiley

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same Committee is continued for service another year. The Committee are Henry T. Wood, Samuel R. Buffinton, J. Ellwood Paige, Rebecca H. Smiley, Gertrude W. Cartland and Harriet N. Jones.

41. Appended to the above report is the Statement of the Treasurer, as follows, Viz:

Receipts

1878 Sixth Month 16th.	Balance from last account,	$370.73
1879 Sixth Month 1st.	Income received from Trustees to date	500.00
	Received interest on deposits	8.23
		$878.96

Expenditures

1879	Amount paid in aid of the Mexican Mission, for printing, Etc	$181.33
	Amount paid for printing an Edition of Epistles of George Fox — 5-88 copies	313.30
	Paid for Friends Tracts and for small books.	38.48
	Paid freight of books and Expenses incurred in forwarding packages Etc	13.54
Sixth Month 17th.	Balance in Treasury	330.31
		$878.96

Samuel R Buffinton
Treasurer

Portland, Sixth Month 17th. 1879

42. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund, Viz:

The income of the Mosher Fund for the past year has been,

From City of Boston registered Bonds	$500.00	
From deposits in New Bedford Ins for Savings	22.11	$522.11

The Expenditures for the same time have been
Payments to the Mosher Book Publishing Committee $300.00
Leaving balance of income in the hands of the Trustees 22.11 $522.11

The investment of the Fund remains the same as last year, viz: Registered Bonds of City of Boston $10.000.00
Deposits in the New Bedford Institution for Savings 437.00
Total investment $10.437.00

The printed Minutes of 1877 made an error by making the depos in the New Bedford Institution for Savings read $537,00 instead of $437,00 as it should have been.

It is proposed That the Yearl Meeting direct the Trustees of the Mosher Fund to add yearly, one-fifth of the income thereof to the principal, until the amount so added, shall equal the amou paid in premium for the ten thousand dollar City of Bosto 5 p cent Bond, so that the original principal may be made and kept intact.

For the Trustees
Charles F. Coffin

Portland, Sixth Month, 17th 1879.

The recommendation of the Trustees, that "One fifth part of the income thereof b added to the principal until the amount so added, shall equal the amount paid in premium for the ten Thousand dollar City of Boston 5 p cent Bond" is fully approved by the Meeting, and the Trustees are hereby directed to carry the same into effect.

43. The Committee appointed at a previous session in reference to the request of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, re ferred to this Meeting from the Representative Meeting, Report as follows,, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to whom was referred the question propounded by Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, have consulted together upon the subject, and are unite in reporting that, according to their judgment a Min ter has a right of appeal in the case referred to.

On behalf of the Committee
Josiah Holmes, Jr.
Portland, Sixth Month 17th. 1879. Rachel S. Howland.

The report is satisfactory to the Meeting and is adopte The Clerk is directed to inform Falmouth Quarte

Meeting of our conclusion in the case.

44. The subject referred to this Meeting by the Representative Meeting respecting the condition of the few members of our Society residing in the British Provinces, was brought before us, and the Meeting was united in the appointment of a Committee to unite with Friends of China Monthly Meeting of which they are Members, in extending to them such care and counsel as may be needed, and report to this Meeting next year. The subject of appropriating one hundred dollars, from our Treasury, for the use of the Committee, is referred to the Committee on Finance. The following named Friends are appointed to that service; viz: Josiah Holmes, Jr. Benjamin F. Knowles, George Richardson, Eli Jones, Sarah A. Holmes, Sarah M. Richardson, Rebecca H. Smiley, and Rachel S. Howland.

45. Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore and Ohio were read and approved.

46. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting, the ensuing year, viz: Stephen Chace, Samuel R. Buffinton, Ellen K. Buffum, Anna T. Dennis, Joseph Cartland, Owen Dame, Gertrude W. Cartland, Mary Alice Brown, George Howland, Jr. Josiah Holmes, Jr. Susan T. Thompson, Anna G. Wood, Anna F. Hall, Augustus F. Cox, John J. Frye, S. Jane Cox, Richard Battey, James G. Arnold, Ann B. Earle, Abby S. Battey, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Hannah T. Jenkins, S. Narcissa Jacob, Samuel Buffum, Jacob K. Purinton, Anna M Hussey, Elmira B. Buffum, Reuben T. Jones, Moses Bailey, Phebe P. Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, William C. Newhall, Henry T. Wood, George Douglas, Elizabeth A. Douglas, Charles F. Coffin, William C. Taber, Samuel Jones, Sarah F. Tobey, Rachel S. Howland, Augustine Jones, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Thomas Harkness, Lydia Haight, Rachel B. Nichols, John F. Tucker, Alfred H. Jones, David K. Atkin, J. William Jacob, Allen Jay, Stephen Jones, Elizabeth Ann Slade, and Abigail M. Hanson. This proposition is approved by the Meeting, and the Friends named are accordingly appointed to that service.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

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Fifth day afternoon the 19th.
The Meeting assembled according to adjournment.
Representatives present except 17.

47. The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee on Foreign Mission work, propose the following, Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee on Foreign Missions would propose the following Viz: Eli Jones, Rebecca H. Smiley, Abby S. Battey, William Thompson, Susan T. Thompson, Harriet N. Jones, George Howland, Sylvia G. Howland, Albert C. Buffum, Henry T. Wood, Anna G. Wood, Obadiah Chace, Benjamin F. Knowles, Sarah F. Tobey, Augustus F. Cox, Elisa P. Varney, Ann Maria Coffin, Harriette D. Collins, J. Warren Blakey, Mary W. Jones, Celinda Metcalf, William H. Beale, Abby M. Harris, Timothy B. Hussey, Elizabeth K. Hoxie, Eli Jepson, Charles M. Jones, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Moses Sawyer, Hannah B. Sawyer and Anna H. Sutton.

On behalf of the Committee.

Portland, Me. 6th Mo 18th 1879. Albert K. Smiley.

The Report is accepted, and the Friends proposed are appointed to that service.

48 The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel service, propose as follows, viz:

The following named Friends are nominated as a Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel service, viz: Eli Jones, Rebecca H. Smiley, Sarah W. Goddard, Allen Jay, J. William Jacob, Harriette D. Collins, J. Warren Hawkes, Charles H. Jones, Susan T. Thompson, William Thompson, Harriet N. Jones, James Carland, Hannah J. Bailey, Charles B. Cates, William P. Macomber, William C. Newhall, Mary G. Jones, Charles M. Jones, Hannah S. Wing, Levi Franklin Jones, S. Narcissa Jacob, Henry T. Wood and Anna G. Wood.

The Report is satisfactory and the Friends named are approved by the Meeting and they are appointed to the service the year ensuing.

49. The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's accounts &c, report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to audit and settle the Treasurer's accounts, &c, have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, viz:

Treasurer's general account—

Receipts

Balance on hand last year	$1.911.47	
Rec'd from Freedmen's Committee balance of proceeds of Washington property	181.88	
From the several Quarterly Meetings	5.000.00	
" " sale of Books of Discipline	16.50	
Allowance on Charles Tabor's bill	10.56	
Eagle Bank, Providence, R.I. Dividends	90.00	$7.210.41

Payments

George Bowen. Yly Mtg Expenses at Newport	$414.59	
Committee on Bible Schools.	115.00	
" " Foreign Missions	800.00	
" " Western Indians	689.75	
" " North Carolina Mission	600.00	
" " Temperance	115.44	
" " Freedmen	650.00	
Paid Associated Ex Indian Committee	57.00	
" for Printing	76.00	
" " Recording &c	82.72	
" " Interest	40.00	
" " Insurance	30.00	
Balance now in Treasurer's hands	2.395.91	$7.210.41

Treasurer's account with Boston Meeting House Fund.

Received for Coupons, City of Providence Bonds	$ 450.00
Paid for rent of Wesleyan Hall, Boston	350.00
	$100.00

Balance now on hand.

The expenditures are properly vouched for. We propose that the sum of Four thousand dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year; that George Howland, Jr. be appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting; and Thomas Harkness, Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

We also recommend that the ~~Yearly Meeting~~ direct the Representative Meeting to

cause an annual examination to be made of all funds held in trust by the Yearly Meeting, including the Boarding School Funds.

For the Committee.

Portland 6th Mo 18th 1879. Owen Dame

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of four thousand dollars, for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and George Howland, is appointed Treasurer; and Thomas Harkness is appointed Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer, their respective proportions of the sum propos

We approve of the recommendation of the Committe that the Representative Meeting annually examine th Funds referred to in this Report.

5o. The Committee on Finance report as follows, Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Finance having give careful attention to the several Matters submitted to them, now report, Viz:

We recommend the appropriation of the following sums by the Yearly Meeting for the pur poses named;

Associated Executive Indian Committee	$ 340.00
Bible Schools	100.00
Foreign Missions	750.00
Freedmen	1,150.00
North Carolina Mission	400.00
Temperance	150.00
Com to visit Friends in British Provinces	100.00
	$ 2,990.00

We are not prepared at this time to recommend an appr priation, as asked for by the Committee on Education.

For the Committe

Portland, 6th Mo 19th 1879. Owen Dame

The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the above appropriation are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting, for such sums as they may need in the prosecution of their various concerns, not-

exceeding the amount appropriated to each.

51. The Committee on the subject of Peace, have presented their Annual Report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

We, your Committee on the subject of Peace, have not been unmindful of the matter entrusted to us; and though there has not been as much accomplished as we could wish in the way of holding Meetings, there has been a pretty large amount of Peace matter, as we trust, judiciously distributed, not only to our own members and others, including many Ministers of other denominations, but also to some extent in other lands. Five thousand copies of an appeal to our fellow-christians, on war, issued by London Yearly Meeting, in 1878. and re-published by direction of the Representative Meeting for New England, has been the principal matter distributed by us.

Two Meetings only have been held by your Committee, way not opening for more.

We cordially recommend a continuation of this important christian work, and may it be the fervent prayer of every member of our beloved society that the time may hasten when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither learn war any more, — when the kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and his Christ.

On behalf of the Committee
George Richardson.
Rachel S. Howland.

Portland, Me 6th Mo 19th 1879.

The Report is satisfactory and accepted by the Meeting. The Committee now under appointment, with the substitution of George Hussey Gifford in the place of Nathaniel Gifford, deceased, is continued on this very important concern of the Yearly Meeting, and we desire their encouragement. Names of the Committee Eli Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles C. Vainey, Samuel R. Buffington, George Richardson, Henry T. Wood, J William Jacob, Susan T. Thompson, Gertrude W. Cartland, S. Narcissa Jacob, Rachel S. Howland, Abby S. Batty, Joseph D. Atwater, and George Hussey Gifford.

52. Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland,

New York, North Carolina, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting, and cause them to be countersigned by one of our Correspondents, and forwarded to those Meetings, respectively.

53. The following, returning minute on behalf of our friend Stanley Pumphrey, has been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting, viz:

To the Monthly Meeting of Worcestershire and Shropshire Western Quarterly Meeting, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in London:

Dear friends:— Our beloved friend Stanley Pumphrey who very acceptably attended this Yearly Meeting, in 1876, is again present at this time. His ministry in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in this Meeting, and within our borders, has been sound and edifying, to the comfort and instruction of the Church, while his circumspect walk and humility have been truly exemplary.

54. The Committee appointed last year to cause an Edition of 500 copies of the Discipline to be printed, etc, report the service performed, and the books are now in the hands of the Treasurer of this Meeting, and he is directed to furnish each of our Meetings for Discipline with a copy (both Mens and Womens Meetings): the balance to remain in his possession and to be for sale by him at 50 cents per copy.

55. The following returning Minute on behalf of our friend David Johnston, has been read and approved, and similar ones for our friends William P. Angell, Thomas and Mary S. Kimber, William A. Symmes, William P. Hastings, Rufus P. King, Daniel Haviland, and Joseph Stanley, viz: Our beloved friend David Johnston, attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

56. The following returning Minute on behalf of our friend Elihu Cobbs, companion to Daniel Haviland,

has been read and approved, Viz: Our beloved friend Elihu Cobbs acceptably attended this Meeting.

57. An Epistle to Friends in Brumana, Mount Lebanon, prepared by our Women Friends, has been read and approved.

58. The Committee now under appointment, is directed to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious Meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open: also, to propose times and places for the various committees to meet, who now are or may then be under appointment, Viz: Eli Jones, Samuel R. Buffington, Henry T. Wood, Augustus T. Cox, Jacob K. Pennington and George Douglas.

59. Returning Minutes on behalf of our friends Helen Balkwill, Sarah G. Pumphrey, Ruth S. Murray, Deborah C. Thomas and Lydia Stanley, prepared by the Womens Yearly Meeting, have been read and approved, by this Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf.

60. This and the Womens Yearly Meeting conclude to have the minutes of both Meetings printed; and the Clerks are directed to cause an edition of two thousand copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings, in their usual proportions, and Owen Dame is appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

61. The various important and deeply interesting concerns which have claimed the attention of this Meeting having been satisfactorily disposed of, in much love and brotherly condescension, we now conclude, proposing to meet again at Newport, R.I. in Sixth Month next year, if the Lord permit. As we were informed at the commencement of this Yearly Meeting, that so many aged and valient soldiers of the Cross had been removed by death during the past year, the fervent desire for those of us who are permitted to remain still a little longer, was expressed and heartily responded to, that we may be so watchful, that our work may be done and well done, that when a similar report may be made respecting us, that the savor of our lives may be as fragrant as theirs.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall

Clerk

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Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England. Sixth Month 1879

To London.

Once more dear friends we would greet you with the apostolic salutation, "Peace be to you brethren and love xxx from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ — grace be to all them that love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity". Your Epistle expressing your oneness in Christ with your New England brethren has comforted us, may this sweet bond of love grow stronger and stronger. We have the company of 3 Ministers of Christ from your Yearly Meeting, and bid them welcome in the Lord. We rejoice in the completeness of the Gospel which they proclaim, announcing the birth, Mission, atonement and resurrection of our ~~Living~~ Redeemer — animating the saints, and warning the impenitent with the promise of that day when he shall return as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, to subject all things unto himself and be "glorified with all his Saints", "Taking vengence on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ"

We thankfully rejoice with you, that a blessing rests upon our joint labor in Syria as revealed in reports of Theop. Waldemeir and the Members of your Yearly Meeting who recently visited Lebanon.

We lament with you the devastating wars in which your land is engaged with weaker and semi-civilized races — to whom God commissioned England to bear the open Bible, and the Gospel of the Saviors love, rather than the sword, plunder and the horrors inseparable from the cost of war. We highly appreciate your views of the necessity of Scripture study — however high our claims to spiritual attainment, a thorough knowledge of Holy Scriptures is indispensible to successful labor in the Redeemers service.

Our Yearly Meeting has been one of great harmony, we have felt the overshadowing presence of Immanuel "God with us". The increase

spiritual interest amongst our younger members fills our hearts with rejoicing and bright ~~hopes for~~ the future of the Church.

The large number of testimonies borne in some of our Meetings by those who have of late been accepted the Lord Jesus as a Savior, and found pardon, peace and a welcome in Him, was truly encouraging to us.

The Lords power has been wonderfully manifested amongst the pupils at Providence Boarding School, during the past year, many of them have found pardon and the joys of salvation in their accepted Savior and been blessed in leading others to the Lamb of God.

The cause of Total Abstinence claims our attention with unabated interest, many Gospel Temperance Meetings have been held under the direction of the Yearly Meeting, including one at Portland this week. Where the testimony of those who have long held executive and judicial positions in the State, endorsed by the testimony of Friends resident in Maine bore incontestible evidence supported by facts and figures that the cherished Prohibitory Laws of the State were never more popular - efficient and generally supported by public sentiment than at this hour.

The position and needs of our isolated fellow members in the British Provinces of Nova Scotia especially those on Cape Breton Island, have claimed the serious attention of this Yearly Meeting at our present session and steps have been taken to bring them more directly under care of the Church.

Finally dear brethren, beloved in the Lord, we would commend you with ourselves to the strong-keeping power of the "Lion of the tribe of Judah," and bid you an affectionate farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm C. Newhall
Clerk

To Ireland.

Dear friends.

Grace be with all them amongst you, that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Your Epistle is welcomed as a proof of your continued love towards your brethren, in New England.

We rejoice, that success has to

some extent- accompanied your efforts for the limitation of the liquor traffic, and to learn that many of your members are engaged in the great work of Total- Abstinence Reform.

Our experience has taught us that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is the most potent agency in rescuing the perishing and that the Church must banish all intoxicating liquors from the Cup-board, table and home of its Members before we can work effectually for the redemption of the world from this curse of the human family.

A large number of Total- Abstinence Meetings have been held by our Yearly Meeting's Committee on Temperance during the past year. Including a large and influential Meeting held this week, when more than 1000 persons, heard the evidence of executive and judicial State officials endorsed by the testimony of Friends resident in Maine supported by facts and figures, "That the Cherished prohibitory law of this State, was never more efficient and generally supported by public sentiment- than at the present hour."

We join you deprecating the desolating wars in which your country is now engaged, with weaker and semi-civilized races, to whom God commissioned England to bear, the open Bible and the Gospel of a Savior's love, rather than the sword, plunder and the horrors incident to the art of war.

The account of Foreign Missions (especially those in Syria) and the report of our Freedmens Mission are most cheering. We feel that whilst the membership of our Society numbers on its records those who reject the Gospel of Christ & deny the Deity of the Lord who bought them, we have need to re-double our Home Missionary efforts, that those who are thus "condemned already" may not be lost utterly.

The increase of spiritual life and interest amongst our younger members, and the manifestations of a deepening work of Divine grace amongst our pupils at Providence School, are themes pregnant with importance to the future of the Church and a source of heart-felt- gratitude.

Death has deprived your Yearly Meeting and our ou

during the past year of many valuable members. You and we have lost strong men — helpers in the Lord, whose names were household words in the Church, with what depth of consolation does her great head address the bereaved Church "I would not have you to be ignorant brethren concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope — for if we believe that Jesus died, and rose again, even so, them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with Him — xxx Wherefore comfort one another with these words".

We cordially endorse your remarks on Bible Study, believing, however high our claim to spiritual attainments, a thorough knowledge of the Holy Scriptures is indispensable to successful labor in our Redeemers service.

Finally brethren, may the apostolic injunction be fulfilled in us, "And now little children, abide in Him, that when He shall appear — we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at his coming.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm C. Newhall
Clerk

To New York.

Dear friends.

Again convened in this our annual assembly, we have been cheered, by the receipt from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond of Epistles expressive of much love and sympathy not only for us, but for all those who love the Lord Jesus Christ.

The state of Society as brought before the Meeting by reading the answers to the queries, elicited much pertinent counsel from concerned Friends, on account of the deficiencies therein expressed.

We were feelingly admonished to strengthen the weak and endeavor as far as in us lies, to remove the causes which produce these discouraging results.

The Report from the Committee having charge of our Boarding School at Providence, represents it in a flourishing condition; the religious interest which has been increasing for several years has continued and has materially aided not only in advancing

the pupils in a knowledge of heavenly things, but has also been largely instrumental in promoting the discipline of the School.

A lively expression of interest in the School and in its healthy condition followed the reading of the Report.

We have also had interesting reports from other Committees having under their care the various concerns which engage our attention.

The Missionary work on Mount Lebanon, which English Friends are united with us in carrying forward is, we believe, producing excellent results and is increasingly bringing to the minds of the people of that country a knowledge of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our efforts for the improvement of the Freedmen are also producing very satisfactory results; the School at Maryville, Tennessee, by the report of the Committee has been instrumental in imparting knowledge to many who a few years ago were in a state of lamentable ignorance, but who by this means are now enabled to occupy positions of usefulness among their fellow-men. We trust that the efforts put forth in the direction of bringing knowledge and the light of the Gospel to the heathen and the degraded, will prove like bread cast upon the waters, and be sanctified to the Redeemers use.

Interesting Reports from the Committees on General Meetings and on Bible School, have also been received and read to our comfort and satisfaction; we can but believe that by these means many have been to consecrate themselves to the service of the Lord, and thus bring great blessing to their own soul, and by their influence and example aiding to promote His work in the earth.

We have had the acceptable company of many dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose labors of love have comforted and Edified us and we doubt not these labors will be blessed.

We have been favored to transact the affairs of the Church in much love and harmony and shall return to our homes with the comforting

assurance that the Lord still watches over his flock, and will, if we put our trust in Him, as he has promised, be with us alway, even to the end of the world.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm C. Newhall
Clerk

To Baltimore.

Dear Friends

We recognize with you the benefits which flow from the interchange of our annual friendly greetings. We have at this time been strengthened and comforted by the epistles which have reached us from you, and from the other Yearly gatherings of our people. It has encouraged us in the work in which at this time we have been engaged, to learn from you that you, too, have been active and successful in the service of the Master — that from all parts of our country and from our friends across the ocean there have come to us tidings of Christian activity and affectionate solicitude.

And with these evidences of the cheering facts of labor for the religious welfare of the world, and of Christian fellowship and affection; we have been favored and blessed with the presence of many of the Lord's chosen servants from other Yearly Meetings of our own and foreign lands, by whose ministrations we have been profited and encouraged.

Among the many important subjects to which our attention has been directed, that of attendance upon our Meetings for Worship and discipline, has had a prominent place.

The testimonies called forth when the answers to the query upon this subject were presented, were earnest and impressive. Deeply were we led to feel how vitaly connected, are the religious welfare of our members and the prosperity of the Church, with a constant attendance

upon our Meetings and a lively and earnest de
sire to make them seasons of refreshing and spiri
tual growth.

There was a deep concern felt and ex
pressed, that there should be more diligent heed
given, on the part of those whose hearts are engaged
to work for the welfare of souls and the prosperity
of the Church, to impart to our Meetings, both
devotional and disciplinary, that life and vi
tality that can alone, render them profitable,
and attract to them those who are anxious to
know the will of the Lord, and to perform it.

When our Monthly Meeting, that most important
part of our denominational organization shall
be conducted in the life and power, of the
Spirit of the Lord, it will cease to be, what it
too often is, a season of lifeless form and un
attractive routine.

Prominent and interesting at
this season has been the subject of Missionary
work. We have had brought before us in a
most impressive manner the comprehensiveness of
that parting command of the Redeemer, "go ye therefore
and teach all nations," and the obligation resting
upon us as a people professing to be followers
of Jesus Christ to give earnest and instant
heed to this important requirement.

The rightly qualified
disciples are to go forth teaching and baptizing
"in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the
Holy Ghost," with the assurance that He who gave
the command, would be with them even unto
the end of the world.

We have been led, in the light of
the Savior's teachings and commands into a
solemn review of our position with regard
to the great work of preaching the Gospel to
every creature thus placed upon His disciples,
and deeply exercised that we may be, to the
full extent of the opportunities afforded faith
ful to the trust committed to us.

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a plan of union in the Home and Foreign Mission work which would embrace in it all the Yearly Meetings of America had been laid before us and placed in the hands of a Committee.

The Report from our Boarding School at Providence, laid before us by the Committee having it in charge, was of unusual interest. We have learned from it, not only that success has attended its managers and teachers in their efforts to extend to the young the advantages of an elevated secular education, but that He who teaches as never man taught has been in their midst, and that teaching which makes wise unto salvation has resulted in bringing many to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. Thus may it ever be in that cherished institution, thus should it ever be in all our Seminaries of learning.

Sanctified by a regenerated heart, the highest intellectual culture will find its highest and holiest exercise in the service of the Redeemer.

And now brethren, not only with the words, but, we trust, in some extent in the spirit of the great apostle to the Gentiles, we extend to you a salutation of Christian regard, "Finally brethren, farewell, be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm C. Newhall
Clerk

To North Carolina.

Dear friends.

In the bonds of Gospel love we send you greeting.

Your Epistle has been read with those of other Yearly Meetings, and much interest was manifested in their perusal. The desire was expressed that this correspondence might never become formal or lifeless, but rather that it might ever be so directed of the Lord, as to strengthen the ties of Christian love between us,

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Our annual Meeting has been well attended and in humble thankfulness we would acknowledge our Heavenly Father's presence and help, both in our Meetings for worship and for the transaction of our business.

In considering the state of Society we were made to realize our deficiencies. Much helpful counsel was given and an earnest concern evinced by the Yearly Meeting that all our "Meetings might be held in the power of the Lord." The withering effect of tale-bearing, detraction and uncharitable criticism, were dwelt upon, and a strong feeling prevailed that the ministry of the Gospel, should be supported by the hearty sympathy of the Church and that by our encouragement of the young we may hasten the fulfillment of the prophecy; "The Lord gave the word, great was the company of those that published it."

We rejoice to hear of the Lords blessing resting upon your educational efforts, and can also say that the Lord has been with us in this great work; especially have rich spiritual blessings been poured out upon the young at our Boarding School; we hear that the cry of burdened hearts, "pray for me", has often been heard, and that many have rejoiced in the blessing of salvation.

The cause of Missions including work among the Indians, the Freedmen and our Syrian Mission at Mt-Lebanon, claimed our attention. The report from the Institute at Maryville showed successful work among the Colored people at that place, both as to mental and spiritual improvement.

The interesting account of the work at Mt-Lebanon, caused our meeting to become baptized into sympathy with the earnest servants of the Lord who are engaged in that work, and the command of our Savior was impressed upon our hearts, "Go ye into all the world and preach the

Gospel to every creature. The importance of Bible School work was brought to our notice, and a timely warning was also given lest the family should entrust its responsible and important work to the care of others.

We have been engaged in the work of Temperance, during the past year, and we trust not without good results. The evils of intemperance, as also of tobacco-using, were pressed upon us and hearty expression was given to the desire that they, "who bear the vessels of the Lord" should be clean.

Successful work in this direction was reported through the circulation of the triple pledge; against the use of ardent-spirits, tobacco and profane language.

We are forcibly reminded by the death of many, especially of our elderly friends, that life is uncertain, and that we should be instant to do the work of the Lord, that the Church, "which He hath redeemed with his own precious blood, may be built up in the most Holy faith", and that sinners may be brought into the fold.

May we as a Church and people, cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord.

Let us ever heed the Apostles injunction; "And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds."

Thus shall we realize ourselves to be "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a peculiar people zealous of good works.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm C. Newhall
Clerk

To Ohio.

Dear friends,

The reading of your acceptable Epistle of 8th Mo. last, has brought you freshly before us, and we desire to salute you as brethren beloved in the Lord. We are told by the Apostle that "love is the fulfilling of the law", that "if we do not love our brother, whom we have seen, how can we love

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God, whom we have not seen"- Our hearts do indeed turn to you, and our other dear friends on this Continent and elsewhere, with the consciousness, that whilst there is a great diversity in our states or conditions and circumstances, how comforting and consoling it is, to feel we are one in the faith and hope of the Gospel. Very precious is the sense, that distance cannot prevent the flow of love and sympathy for each other in all the trials, sorrows vicissitudes and disappointments to which we are subject.

Our blessed Savior has said "In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

With you we have felt the need of a living and present Savior, to abide with us at all times, in order that we may be found fruitful in the field of offering, and joyful in the house of prayer. Oh: that we may ever see Jesus, with an eye of faith, there is no sight in this wide world, compared with the sight of Jesus Christ our Savior with forgiveness on His lips and a Crown in his hand - surely this is worth laboring for, praying for, living for and suffering for.

We have at this time the company of beloved friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, and from across the Water, whose labors among us, have been, we believe, to the building up of the Church, and to the encouragement and strengthening of brethren, in the most holy faith.

The Committee having charge of our Boarding School, made a very satisfactory and interesting report, particularly in regard to the spiritual improvement of the pupils, and the many conversions among them during the past year. The desire and prayer of our heart is, that nothing may be permitted, in any way, to mar this blessed work, now evidently going forward in these young hearts.

A lively concern has prevailed

in this Meeting, that Friends should be encouraged to a more faithful and diligent study of the Holy Scriptures, believing, "they were given by inspiration of God and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

The several Committees having the care and oversight of our Mission in Syria, and the promotion of education among our members and others in North Carolina and Tennessee, together with the work of enlightenment and religious improvement of the Indians, have given us favorable and encouraging reports, of the results of their efforts during the past year.

And now in conclusion, we would say, may all that we do, be done as unto the Lord, "that God in all things may be glorified Through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever, Amen!

We remain in love

Your affectionate brethren.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm C. Newhall
Clerk

To Indiana.

Dear friends.

We salute you in the language of the Apostle to the Ephesians, "Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ, according as he hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love. Having predestinated us unto the adoption of Children by Jesus Christ, to Himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace wherein He hath made us accepted in the Beloved."

It is well that we dwell much on our election and salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, and everywhere and always acknowledge our

death in sin, and life through Him alone, and that it is only as we confess our sins, and accept the Lord Jesus Christ, that we have acceptance with God, and having acceptance with Him by watchfulness unto prayer and faithfulness to His will, we shall be fruitful in life to His glory, in the salvation of souls, and enlarged in all knowledge and spiritual understanding, Christ dwelling in our hearts by faith. "We shall be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth and length and depth and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."

"Gods spirit then shall speak,
Through lips of humble clay,
Till hearts of adamant shall break,
Till rebels shall obey."

Our Meeting has been well attended and we rejoice in the manifest increase of vital spirituality among our members and a growing desire for the enlargement of the Church.

The company of many of the Lords servants from abroad, and their service with us has done us much good at this time, and we have been much comforted in the reassurances of Divine acceptance.

Our Committees on home and Foreign Missions and Gospel work in general and education report that the past year has been fruitful.

The reports from our Meetings tell us how God has finished His work below with many of our members, who have been with us in the past and have served their generation, and we see them no more now, for we trust they have been gathered to the Church triumphant.

In the reading of your Epistle together with those of other Yearly Meetings, you were brought very near to us, and we feel that we are brethren, and that the Church is one.

In conclusion, suffer us to

express our desire for you in the words of the Apostle, "Having therefore these promises dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm C. Newhall
Clerk

To Western.

Dear friends.

In the love of Christ we salute you as brethren beloved in the Lord — of the same family and household of faith. Our Meeting this year is not large, but a goodly number of earnest workers with hearts warmed with the love of the Savior, are in attendance, and the business that has claimed our attention has been transacted in much harmony and brotherly love.

We have been afresh reminded that salvation in the fullest and most comprehensive sense of the word should be the all important end and aim of the Church, towards which all the energy of consecrated hearts should tend, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of the saints faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is now set down at the right hand of God, where he ever liveth to make intercession for us.

In all that tends to your growth in grace and establishment in the truth we bid you God speed.

For this cause, (said Paul) I bow my knees to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you according to his riches in glory, to be strengthened with might by his spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that ye, being rooted and grounded

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in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and the length and the depth and the height and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled with all the fullness of God.

We bless and praise the name of our God that he has given us his son, who is able to save and powerful to deliver all who come unto God by Him. The bride, the Church of living believers with her hand in the strong arm of the Lord, need not fear the lions by the way or the stumbling-blocks in her path, for "He is the root and offspring of David, and the bright and morning star", saying, "lo, I am with you alway; even unto the end of the world".

He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

The Committees on Temperance, on Home and Foreign Missions, and the christianizing and civilization of the Indian tribes, all made interesting reports, and the Church is entering upon her work for the coming year with renewed energy and increasing zeal.

God grant that, putting on her beautiful garments of salvation and praise as becometh the bride of the Lamb, fair as the Moon, clear as the Sun and terrible as an army with banners, she may move against all the strong holds of sin as a power in the earth.

May we do with the strength that God giveth all our hands find to do as good stewards of the manifold grace of God, to hasten the day when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ.

In every good word and work may the Lord bless you.

Farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm C. Newhall Clerk

To Iowa.

Dear friends,

In the tokens of love and brotherly regard evinced by the reception of Epistles from our sister Yearly Meetings we were afresh reminded that we are one people and have the same blessed source from which to draw all our supplies.

Several dear friends are with us from distant parts of the great harvest-field. We hail their company as a token for good, and desire to be found in a condition to receive and profit by their labors of love.

In the wisdom of our Heavenly Father there have been removed from our midst during the past year, many dear aged fathers and mothers we have long loved and with whom we have sweetly mingled, and who, we trust, through the mercy of God, have been joined to the Church triumphant.

The comforting assurance is ours, that as we abide in Christ the vine, we will not only bring forth fruit to His praise, but will be made to rejoice in his service and through his atoning blood to hear the welcome language "Friend come up higher".

We feel the present is a time when there is abundant need for all the professed followers of Christ to dwell at His feet, that they may receive all their supplies from Him, who is indeed a "well-spring of life"

The various Committees to whom were entrusted interesting and important concerns of this Meeting have made encouraging reports, and we feel renewedly engaged to persevere in every good work that may be required at our hands. The business that has come before us has been conducted in harmony and love, and we earnestly crave not only for ourselves but for our fellow-professors everywhere, that we may be preserved in true humility before the Lord, and witness our strength renewed in Him.

With the eye steadily fixed

on Him, who, when he calls forth his own sheep goeth before them, leading them in plain paths, ever watching over and shielding them from all harm, we will find Him to be a merciful Shepherd and worthy to be faithfully followed.

In green pastures and beside still waters he causes his flock sweetly to rest, and in the end bring them safely into the fold.

Widely scattered as are many of the members of your Yearly Meeting, and remotely situated as are some of the Meetings within your limits, we desire that such may be had in prayerful remembrance, and may you seek to strengthen and encourage them as the Lord shall give ability.

"Finally brethren farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace: and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

With the salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm C. Newhall
Clerk.

To Canada.

Dear Friends.

We greet you in the love of Christ, and as members of that family of which He is our Holy Head. The reading of your acceptable Epistle of Sixth Month last, with those from the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, has brought all our dear friends near unto us, and has comforted and refreshed our hearts. We are brought nigh by the blood of Christ; and thus witness that for which the Savior prayed, that His followers might be one in Him. May every thing be removed from our hearts that hinders this work.

The emphatic language of our Shepherd is, "My sheep hear my voice and they follow me.

It is not for us to continue in

any custom, habit or tradition if Christ is leading us out of it. Our aim should be to know daily of hearing His voice and of following Him.

The mission of the Church appears to be clearly set forth in the charge that Jesus gave to the Apostle of the Gentiles, "Thou shalt be a witness both of those things that thou hast seen, and of those things in which I will appear unto thee."

May Christ grant unto you and unto us the single eye that the whole body may be full of light; thus avoiding all those things that will retard a steady growth in grace. And among these may be that disposition found among the disciples of our Lord, a desire for preeminence. Rather let us sit as little children at the feet of Jesus, in the total relinquishment of all self. For if Christ is anything to us, He must be all things.

We were exhorted that the attendance of our Meetings for Worshipping our Heavenly Father is a duty; the neglect of which will produce barrenness of spirit and dwarfishness in our spiritual growth. Among the causes which lead to the neglect of these Meetings is that of detraction. Love gathers, detraction scatters. Hence the importance of that prayer of the Psalmist "Set a watch, Oh Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips."

Our Meeting has been well attended, and various important subjects have claimed its attention. Among these was that of Total-abstinence from all intoxicating drinks, and from the use of tobacco. Mission work and Bible-School instruction are receiving increased attention among us.

From the report of the Committee in charge of the Boarding School, we learn that there is much religious interest among the students.

We have received accounts of more than a usual number of deaths among Ministers and Elders; some of whom had devoted much of their life to the service of their Lord. But in this we rejoice, that our God is providing a succession of laborers in His vineyard.

May the Church of Christ, with you and with us, be built upon the one true Foundation; and may all its members know a complete redemption through the atoning blood of Christ.

With the salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm. C. Newhall
Clerk

To Kansas

Dear friends.

Through the mercy of our Heavenly Father we have been permitted to assemble in our annual gathering.

With the Epistles received and read by us at this time from other Yearly Meetings, we welcome yours of Tenth Month last. And while we are so far separated from each other we feel we are thankful for this privilege of communicating with each other and thus keeping open and fresh that bond of love which should ever bind the true disciples of the Lord Jesus to each other and to him our Holy Head.

We also have as another token of his love, a number of his servants with us from other Yearly Meetings, who have plainly declared to us the way of life and salvation, and the great need at this time of a baptized Church to carry forward the Lord's work in the earth.

The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, the offices of the Holy Spirit and the need of studying and becoming familiar with the Holy Scriptures are subjects that have been very plainly brought before us; and we trust you feel with us, while there is so much doubt and unbelief in the world, the great need of pressing these important truths home upon the hearts of the people.

May God help us to tell the wonderful story of the cross in plain and simple

language so that all can understand it.
"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." "For there is none other name under Heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved but by the name of Jesus."

Our hearts have been gladdened at this time by the report from our Boarding School not only that its financial and Educational interests are prospering, but also its spiritual condition.

Many of the scholars having found the Savior precious to their souls the past year.

The Reports from our several Standing Committees on Foreign Missions, Sabbath-Schools, Education Mission work in the mountains of North Carolina and among the Freedmen at Maryville, Tennessee, all shew that the Lord has blessed us abundantly in the humble effort put forth for Him.

We are glad to learn that you were laboring so earnestly in the cause of Temperance, and believe you are doing so upon the only safe platform, that of Total-abstinence from all that will intoxicate.

May God bless you in every good work for him, May He multiply your seed sown and increase the fruit of your righteousness and finally present you with us, faultless before Him, who has died for us, and risen from the dead — to whom be glory and honor now and ever. Amen.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall
Clerk.

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Minutes 1880

1 At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport, Rhode Island, commencing on Seventh-day, Sixth Month 12th, 1880.

2. By the Reports received from our several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, Viz.:—

From Rhode Island — Thomas Hartshorne, Stephen Chace, Allen Jay, Thomas B. Buffum, Obadiah Chace, Jacob Mott, William J. Collins, James Dennis, Abm. Potter, Jr., Charles W. Earle, Abel J. Collins and Benjamin F. Knowles

From Salem — John Paige, Charles F. Coffin, Owen Dame, Joseph Cartland, Wm O. Newhall, Moses F. Rogers, Josiah D. Challis, Charles H. Thorndike, James P. Boyce, John H. Crosman and Gustavus Austin.

From Sandwich — William C. Jaber, Jonathan Cowen, Edward G. Dillingham, Wm Thompson, Nathaniel Howland, David K. Akin, George Howland, Jr., Stephen R. Wing, Gideon Gifford, David Kelley, John F. Tucker and Matthew Howland.

From Falmouth — Samuel Jones, Freeman Andrews George Douglass, Augustus F. Cox, John J. Frye, Calvin S. Goddard, Timothy Hanson, Silas H Cartland, Ezekiel Varney, Jr., Abram Winslow, Stephen Cartland and Charles A. Nichols.

From Smithfield — Abel C. Munroe, Jonathan F. Southwick, James O. Inman, John B. Daniels, Thomas A Wheeler and Richard Battey.

From Vassalboro — Eli Jones, Jedediah J. Varney, Thomas B. Nichols, J. Wm Jacob, Charles B. Cates, John Frye, Caleb Jones, Daniel Ayer, and Wm H. Beale.

From Dover — Jacob K. Purinton, Tobias Meader, Timothy B. Hussey, Albert C. Buffum, William P. Tuttle and Horatio S. Mowell.

From Fairfield — Levi Jones, Henry Winslow, J. Warren Hawke, Moses Bailey, Paul Wing, Isaac Winslow, George Richardson, Joseph Taylor and Joseph E. Briggs.—

Whose names being called, they were all present except

eight; for the absence of three of whom sufficient reasons have been assigned.

3. Having at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends, William A. Symmes from New York, Yearly Meeting, Wm P. Hastings from North Carolina Yearly Meeting, Joseph Stanley and David B. Updegraff from Ohio Yearly Meeting, John P. Pennington, John Carey, John Henry Douglass and Luke Woodard from Indiana Yearly Meeting, satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements, were presented and read.

4. Very acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York and Baltimore have been read to our comfort and encouragement; there have also been received Epistles from North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa and Kansas Yearly Meetings, also one from Brunnana Monthly Meeting, Mt. Lebanon. We appoint the following named Friends a Committee to prepare, as way may open, essays of reply thereto, including an Epistle to Canada Yearly Meeting, from which none has been received this year, and present them at a future sitting, Viz.: Joseph Eastland, Joziah Holmes, Jr., Wm C. Taber, J. Wm. Jacob, Allen Jay, Stephen Sears, Charles M. Jones, Henry T. Wood, John F. Tucker, Timothy B. Hussey, Thomas B. Nichols, John Paige Joseph Taylor, Matthew Howland, Lemuel Jones, David Douglass, Charles N. Thorndike, Wm Thompson, Henry C. Aydelott, J. Warren Hawkes, Charles B. Cates, Jonathan Cowen, Benjamin F. Knowles, Obadiah Chace, Richard Battey, George Howland, Jr. and Edward G. Dillingham.

5. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their respective proportions of Yearly Meeting Stock.

6. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, Viz.:— Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that—George Bowen, an Elder, and Member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, died 12th Mo 13th 1879, aged 78 years, 8 mos and 4 days; Amey S. Anthony, a Minister, and Member of Swansea Monthly Meeting, died 1st Mo 21st 1880, aged 68 years, 3 mos and 5 days; Abner Slade, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died 12th Mo 2nd 1879, aged 87 years and 2 mos; and that it has united

with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Harriette D. Collins. Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of J. Ellwood Page and Olney T. Meader to the station of Elder. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that Daniel Swift, a Minister, and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, deceased 8th mo 21st 1879, aged 86 years, 8 mos and 15 days; and that it has united with the same Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Stephen R. Wing to the station of Elder; and that Ruth S. Murray, a Minister, has been received by certificate by New Bedford Monthly Meeting, from the Monthly Meeting of New York. Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Lucy R. Goddard to the station of Elder; and that Martha M Varney, a Minister, and member of Durham Monthly Meeting, died 2nd mo 17th 1880, aged 56 years. Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Alfred Briggs and Sarah Osborne to the station of Elder; and that Anthony Chace, an Elder, and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, deceased 8th mo 4th 1879, aged 88 years, 1 mo and 18 days. Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that Stephen Jones, an Elder, and member of China Monthly Meeting, died 4th mo 30th 1880, aged 90 years and 4 days; Mary G. Jones, a Minister, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died 3rd mo 2nd 1880, aged 46 years, 5 mos and 6 days, and that Elish Mosher, an Elder, and member of Unity Monthly Meeting, died 3rd mo 15th 1880, aged 79 years, 7 mos and 24 days. Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that Mary D. Page, an Elder, and member of Dover Monthly Meeting, died 5th mo 24th 1879, aged 41 years, 7 mos and 1 day, and that Moses Roberts, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died 4th mo 4th, 1880, aged 85 years and 25 days.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Litchfield (now Winthrop) Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Proctor Sampson to the station of Elder, and with Winthrop Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sophia D. Bailey and Lizzie M. Hawkes to the same station; and with St. Albans Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Isaac Winslow, Silas E. Hoxie, an Elder, and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, died 2nd mo 10th 1880, aged 65 years 11 mos

and 9 days; William Fan, an Elder, and member of Winthrop Monthly Meeting, died on the same day, aged 82 years, and 3 mos, and Irena Winslow, an Elder, and member of St. Albans Monthly Meeting, died 2nd mo 19th 1880, aged 86 years; and that the name of Litchfield Monthly Meeting has been changed from Litchfield to Winthrop.

The address of Joseph Taylor, Correspondent of Sidney Monthly Meeting, is changed to Lakeside, Kennebec County, Maine.

7. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting proposes that the time of holding that Meeting be changed, from the first Fifth-Day in the Seventh Month to the second Fifth-Day of the same month, commencing as heretofore at 10.30 o'clock, A.M. The Meeting of Ministers and Elders to be held the day previous, at 3 o'clock P.M., which, claiming the attention of the Meeting, is approved, and the change accordingly made, and the Clerk is directed to inform Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of our conclusion, and that the change take place next year — the Women's Meeting concurring.

8 Our beloved friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite, who so acceptably attended this Yearly Meeting in 1877, is again with us, and has presented a satisfactory Minute from Holm Monthly Mtg. held 3d mo 11th, endorsed by the Quarterly Meeting of Cumberland and Northumberland, England; and one from the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight, held in London, on the 17th and 18th of 5th Month 1880. Also, our beloved friend, Mary White, with a Minute of unity from Edinburgh Two-Months Meeting, endorsed by the General Meeting for Scotland, held 5th Month 9th 1880. In again welcoming these dear friends to our hearts and homes, earnest desires have been felt and have found expression upon our lips that the Lord may keep them humble, watchful, and above all faithful in His service, and that their visit and labors may be made a blessing to us.

9. We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Deborah C. Thomas from Baltimore Yearly Meeting and Elizabeth L. Comstock from Ohio Yearly Meeting, who have presented Minutes of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present prospect of service amongst us.

10. Margaret H. White, an Elder, Companion to Deborah C. Thomas, Caroline De-Greene, companion to her Mother Elizabeth L. Comstock, and Elvira J. Woodard, an Elder,

companion to her husband, Luke Woodard, are also acceptably in attendance of this Meeting, with satisfactory testimonials from their friends at home.

11. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Meeting, from other Yearly Meetings with returning Minutes, if way should open, is referred to the following Friends, Viz: Allen Jay, Joseph Cartland, Wm C. Taber, Henry T. Wood, David K. Akin, Charles B. Coates, Owen Dame, Richard Battey, George Douglass and John Paige, who are requested to unite in the service with a similar Committee of Women Friends.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. Met pursuant to adjournment.

12. George Howland, Jr, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing Wm. C. Newhall for Clerk, and Henry T. Wood and Timothy B. Hussey for Assistant Clerks; which nominations being severally approved, they are appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

13. Epistles from North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana were now read.

14. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence have presented their Annual Report, which having been read and deliberately considered, is satisfactory to the Meeting and fully united with, and the recommendation in reference to an increase of the price for board and tuition, is adopted, and the Committee now under appointment continued another year, and we desire their encouragement in the arduous labors devolving upon them.

Report of the Boarding School Committee.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In again presenting their Annual Report, the School Committee can but reiterate the expression of former years, that; under the new administration, as heretofore, the School has pursued the even tenor of its way and in its progress and general management has received the approval of the Committee.

The religious feeling, to which

alluded with interest in the Report of last year, has continued, and we can indorse the expression of the Principal in his last Report to us, that in moral tone and the honorable observance of the needful observance of the needful regulations of the School, it has improved during the year.

The number of scholars for the Autumn Term was 184; and for the Spring Term has been 160.

The Meetings on First and Fourth days has been continued, and from the Reports of the several members of the Committee who have had the privilege of attending them, we are satisfied that many of them are favored seasons.

With the exception of a comparatively few mild cases of scarlet fever, the health of the Scholars and family has been good. Notwithstanding the mildness of the disease, numbers of the Scholars were withdrawn from the School; this interruption increased the labor of the Management, and has also affected the aggregate attendance.

The Yearly Meeting last year authorized some changes in the rates to be charged for admission to the School; but as the circulars had been necessarily sent out by the Principal before the action by the Yearly Meeting, and applications from scholars, predicated on the former rates, had been received, the Committee judged it expedient to suspend the operation of the change until the issuance of a new circular setting forth those changes; and report their action to the Yearly Meeting.

Some changes in the way of improvements, such as the Erection of a room 17 by 22½ feet, immediately connected with the house, with ample water closet arrangements for the convenience of the boys, and a largely increased improvement in the sewerage, by connecting the drains from the house with the main sewer on Hope Street, 700 feet distant, have been made since our last Report.

The gymnasium building, which had become dilapitated and unsightly, has been put in good order, with new ceiling and floor, and is now a comfortable and healthy resort for the boys, especially in inclement weather.

The following list contains the names of the officers and teachers for the year which will close on the 22 instant.

Augustine Jones. Principal.

Amy E. Johnson, Principal of Girls' Department.
John W. Freese, Governn and English Studies.
Susan S. Moore, Governess and English Studies.
Thomas J. Battey, Natural Science.
John M. Potter, Higher Mathematics
Francis B. Gummere, Mental Science & German, Autumn Term.
Seth K. Gifford, Greek and Latin.
Henry Wood, English Literature and German.
Clarkson Collins, Mental Science and German Autumn Term.
Austin B. Fletcher, Reading and Elocution Autumn Term.
Bertie J. Wing, French, History and Literature.
Mary Amy Collins, English Studies.
S. Elma Gifford, Mathematics.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal Culture.
Allen Jay, Secretary and Book Keeper.

From the account of the Treasurer of the School Fund, as reported by the Auditing Committee, we find that he has received as

Income from the General Fund	$5.923.87
" Rec'd " fund in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting,	495.00
Rec'd from return premiums of insurance	396.25
	$6.815.12

Payments

Paid insurance premiums	$575.00
" Augustine Jones, Superintendent, for receipts	6.240.12
	$6.815.12

Chantable Fund.

Balance on hand last year,	$850.57
Income	2,374.01
	$3,224.58

Payments

Paid School bills	$2.100.00
Balance on hand	1.124.58
	$3.224.58

The following items of receipt and expenditure appear from the accounts of the Principal:

Receipts.

Income from the Treasurer of the School Fund	$6.240.12
" " " board and tuition	31.302.45
	$37542.57

Amt up

And brought up	$ 37.542.57
Rec'd from Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting from funds belonging to the School, arising from sales of land, and held by him to pay city tax	2.861.60
Received from same fund in aid of improvements and additions.	2.000.00
	$42.404.17

Expenditures

Allowance to A. K. Smiley, in settlement, for change in duration of term, and for articles purchased of him	$ 874.00
Cost of sewer connection with Hope Street 700 feet,	1.279.63
" " new building, including water closets and concreting.	2.096.23
City tax on school property	2.861.60
" sewer assessment on Hope Street front	349.13
Salaries to teachers and officers	12.668.00
Wages for labor and servants' hire	5.745.23
Provisions	10.789.39
Repairs and replacements	2 004.10
Fuel and light	2.364.04
Water	310.30
Incidentals, including periodicals, additions to library, medicines and postage,	451.34
Estimated balance remaining	611.18
	$42.404.17

From the above statement it appears that the income received for board and tuition falls short of the amount realized the year previous by about Six thousand dollars. It will also be seen that it became necessary to use about five thousand dolls of the fund arising from sales of land, in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, in the payment of the tax upon the school property, and in aid of the permanent improvements reported.

The Treasurer of the Yearly Mtg, reports, that he has received

From coupons on bonds	$ 495.00
" proceeds of sale of 5 U. S. Bonds	5.353.12
	$5.848.12

Payments

Thomas Harkness, Treasurer of School Fund	$495.00
Augustine Jones, per order of Committee	4.861.60
Two small bills, printing, etc	4.60
Balance on hand to new account	486.92
	$5.848.12

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The Committee submit the following proposition for rates to be charged for admission to the School the coming year, viz:

For members of our Yearly Meeting $125.00
" " " other " Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting $225.00
For all others who may be admitted $300.00
One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten Dollars, each to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin French, German or Drawing.

In conclusion we acknowledge with grateful feelings that, while we entered upon our interesting engagement with anxiousness, in consequence of the change of Principal of the School, we can now as the year draws to its close, express our cordial appreciation of the devoted faithfulness of our new Principal, and with thankfulness for the Divine blessing upon the School in time past, we humbly invoke the same favor in the future.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee
George Howland, Jr., Clerk

Boarding School
Providence — 6th Mo 1st 1880

Note.— The Autumn term begins 9th Mo 1st 1880, and closes 1st Mo 19th 1881. Winter recess begins 1st Mo 21st and closes 2nd Mo 2nd. The Spring term begins 2nd Mo 2d and closes 6th Mo 21st 1881.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 3d day of the 8th Mo next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference to all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received.

Those who desire the benefit of the charitable fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address. Augustine Jones,
Friends Boarding School, Providence R. I.

Boarding School Committee.

Charles F. Coffin,	Ellen K. Buffum.
George Howland, Jr.,	Ann Maria Coffin.
Moses Bailey,	Sylvia G. Howland.
William C. Taber,	Ann B. Earle.
Timothy B. Hussey.	Hannah J. Bailey.
Timothy K. Earle	Ann K. Collin.
Samuel R. Buffinton,	Hannah B. Sawyer,
Henry T. Wood,	Laura S. Collins.
Richard Battey	Rebecca C. Grinnell,
William C. Monroe.	Anna G. Wood.
Thomas B. Nichols	Deborah W. Crosman.
Augustus F. Cox.	Abby S. Battey.
James H. Chase	Elizabeth H. Austin
James O. Inman.	Sarah F. Sobey.
John F. Tucker	Esther Jones.
Peter M. Neal	Caroline C. Earle.

15. We appoint our friends Jacob Mott, Thomas Folson, Matthew Howland, Samuel Jones, Thomas A. Wheeler, Wm H. Beale, Jacob K. Purinton and I. Warren Hawkes a Committee to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries and present it at our next sitting.

16. We appoint Nathan Chace, Owen Dame, John F. Tucker, George Douglass, Richard Battey, Charles B. Cates, Timothy B. Hussey and Reuben T. Jones a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of money to be raised sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer; also one for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

17. The following Statistical information has been received from our several Quarterly Meetings, Viz:

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	Number reported last year	Error in last year's report; gain.	Error in last year's report; loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released	Gain.	Loss.	Present number
Rhode Island	724		12	8	20	6	7	21	3		7	717
Salem	681			6	10	4	4	5	4		3	678
Sandwich	759			5	22	10	5	4	4		12	747
Falmouth	587			8	19	4	8	11	2		7	581
Smithfield	430		1	1	7	2	1	7	3		2	428
Vassalboro	507			1	8	1		1			5	502
Dover	326			1	6		3	1	2		9	317
Fairfield	448	6		1	10	3	2	10	3	6		453
Total Loss	4462	6	13	31	102	30	30	60	21	6	45 39	4423

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, Second-day Morning, the 14th.

Second-day Morning, the 14th
The Meeting again assembled

18. Epistles from Western, Iowa, and Kansas Yearly Meetings, and one from the Monthly Meeting of Brumana, Mt. Lebanon, were now read.

19. By the Report from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, we are informed that James Henderson appeals to this Meeting from its decision, and that they have appointed a Committee to represent them in the case. Whereupon, we appoint our friends John H. Cronman, Olney T. Meader, David Kelley, Ephraim Gifford, Augustus F. Cox, Samuel Jones, Richard Battey, Thomas A. Wheeler, Charles B. Coles, Wm H. Beale, Jacob K. Purinton, Oliver Meader, Reuben T. Jones and Paul Wing, to hear the parties in the case, and report their judgment at a future sitting of this Meeting.

By the Report from Salem Quarterly Meeting, we are informed that John W. Hanson, appeals to this Meeting from its decision, and that they have appointed a Committee to represent them in the case. Whereupon we appoint our friends James H. Chace, Nathan Chace, John F. Tucker, David K. Atkin, George Douglass, Charles F. Andrews, Calvin R. Rockwood, Jonathan F. Southwick John Frye, Daniel Ayer, Thomas E. Roberts, George

Estis, Levi Jones and Henry Winslow, to hear the parties in the case, and report their judgment at a future sitting of this Meeting.

21. Smithfield Quarterly Meeting proposes that the time of holding their Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders be changed in the 8th. Mo, from 5 to 3 O'clock of the same day, which claiming the consideration of the Meeting is approved and the change is accordingly made — the Women's Meeting uniting therein. The Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

22. Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting proposes that this Meeting hold its sessions next year at Portland, Maine, which is fully united with by this Meeting. Women Friends concurring.

23. The Meeting now entered upon a consideration of the State of Society, as presented by the Answers to the Queries from our Quarterly Meetings, proceeding therein through the Second, when the Meeting adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Assembled pursuant to adjournment.

24. The consideration of the State of Society, was resumed and concluded.

Minute on exercise of the Meeting.

During the consideration of the state of Society we were favored with a precious evidence of the owning presence of our Heavenly Father. He was pleased to baptize the assembled church with a deep concern for the welfare of its membership, and under the leadings of His Holy Spirit a number of the Lord's messengers were qualified to hand forth words of counsel and advise. We were reminded of the words, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another." This love is more than the absence of hatred. It is positive and active. It is more than human, it is divine. It seeks not its own, but the good of others. If our hearts are thus filled with this love to God whom we have not seen, we shall find no trouble in loving our brother whom we have seen. We will then be careful of the reputation of those around us. We will seek to guard the door of

our lips that we may not offend by our conversation, but rather show forth His praise wherever our lot may be cast.

It is still cause of sadness that so many neglect the attendance of our religious meetings. We earnestly desire that all such may examine the ground of such neglect. Dear friends, we are persuaded that the real cause often arises from a lack of true love to God. Yielding to the love of the world, its ease and pleasures, sooner or later brings coldness, and indifference to the souls highest and eternal interest. Do not then neglect the assembling of yourselves together.

As the true hunger and thirst is felt, — and there can be little growth in Christian life without this experience, — we shall gladly avail ourselves of the privilege of together presenting our want and desire to Him who feedeth His flock like a shepherd. Hold all your meetings in the power of God. Nor should we wait until we reach our meetings, to seek a preparation to worship Him. The Lords command to the people was for them to sanctify themselves, and He would do wonders among them. The offering was prepared at home and then brought and presented before the Lord. So let us seek a preparation of heart to worship God, if ponible, by turning away from the counting house and work shop, the farm and the daily cares of life, before going to our meetings. Having thus set ourselves apart for a blessing, God will often work wonders among us. Our Meetings will be times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Each will then be concerned to occupy the gifts committed to his care, whether it be in silent communion, in prophesying, in teaching in psalms or in doctrine, all will be done with the spirit and with the understanding, to the edification of the church.

We were reminded that the family is a divine institution. It should be the most sacred place on earth. Around it clusters the dearest relations of life. Only those parents whose hearts are filled with the spirit of Christ can successfully train their children for Him.

It is only as we maintain our proper relations to our Heavenly Father that we can as parents hold our

right position in the family. We need to be much in prayer. A life without prayer is not a Christian life. Let no false fear or sense of weakness prevent us from gathering our children daily around us, and reading a portion of Scripture to them, and as God may give us ability join with them in prayer and praise to Him. Encourage them to give utterance to the feelings that the Holy Spirit may put in their hearts. Speak to them of the things that pertain to their present and eternal welfare.

It is indeed sad when our children have to go to others for that spiritual comfort and consolation which their souls stand in need of; or when we find it easier to speak to other children than our own of the saviors love. May all who are parents seek earnestly for that ability which will enable them to bring their children and those under their care to Christ that they may be converted, while young, and grow up in love and fear so that when they go forth into the world, they may go as the children of the Lord, prepared of Him for the responsibilities of life.

Let us ever bear in mind that we are the Lords, and that we are bought with a price. That we and all we have are His. Do not forget that the good things which He has given to us should be freely given to His cause. It is the cheerful giver that He blesses. Freely have ye received both of spiritual and temporal blessings; likewise let these be freely given to His work and service. Finally, dear friends, "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Summary Answers.

Answer 1st. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except 15 reported from 6 Quarterly Meetings, and one other Quarter reports a few Meetings omitted during the year. Those on First-days have been attended by nearly all our members, while Mid-week Meetings and Meetings for Discipline are neglected by many: the hour is nearly observed; mostly clear of unbecoming behavior.

Ans 2nd. Love and unity are generally maintained amongst us, with some exceptions from all our Quarterly Meetings; detraction appears to be guarded

against by most Friends; where differences arise, care is taken to end them.

Ans 3d. With few exceptions, Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and endeavor by example and precept, to train up their children, and others under their care, in accordance with our Christian profession.

Ans 4th. We believe that most Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually and collectively, in their families, and encourage those under their care in the practice of this religious duty; they also maintain our testimony to a free Gospel ministry, with little exception.

Ans 5th. Friends are nearly clear of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, although six exceptions are reported from two of the Quarterly Meetings. A few of our members are not careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with our Christian profession. Moderation is generally observed.

Ans 6th. The circumstances of the poor receive our attention and their necessities are relieved. Care is taken to educate their children.

Ans 7th. Not quite clear as to Military Matters and oaths; clear as to defrauding the public revenue.

Ans 8th. Nearly clear in these respects.

Ans 9th. The Records in most of our Meetings appear to be carefully kept, although some deficiency is reported in one or two cases; a few removals without certificates, which are under notice.

Ans 10th. The Discipline is administered, we believe, in Christian tenderness and impartially, although not so timely in some cases as might be desirable; judgment is placed when it appears necessary, in the authority of truth and according to discipline.

25. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, Viz.;

Minute of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders
Sixth Month 1880.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, with Answers thereto from our several Quarterly Meetings, a summary of which the Clerk was directed to lay before the Yearly Meeting, with the accompanying Minute.

Ans 1st. Ministers are with little exception, diligent in attending their Meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of their families.

Ans 2nd The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are in a good degree, clean and blameless among men. We believe they are, with little exception (on account of which some care has been taken,) in unity one with another, and with the Meeting to which they belong, harmoniously laboring together for the honor of truth.

Ans 3d With some exception in one Meeting, they endeavor to rule their own houses well, and by example and precept, encourage their families in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our Christian profession.

Ans 4th They are mostly preserved in love, and are concerned to administer encouragement or counsel, as occasion may require, in reference to ministry or conduct.

As we entered upon an investigation of this portion of the Church, a precious feeling of solemnity was mercifully spread over us, and words of earnest petition and loving counsel were offered by beloved Friends present.

We deeply regret that differences still exist, and earnest desires were raised in our hearts for a closer walk with God, and for a renewed baptism of power to labor more effectually for Him.

Indeed the fields are white unto harvest, and may it please Him, whose is the power, to afresh anoint His servants for more successful labor in His blessed cause.

The work is His, and it is only as we dwell in

humility and watchfulness before Him, that ability is received to do His bidding.

Whilst we miss from our midst dear ones with whom we have sweetly mingled, we rejoice in the evidence afforded, that in the younger ranks there are those who are being fitted and prepared by our Heavenly Father for the promotion of His cause; may there be with them and with us who are older, an entire submission to His will, and a full dependence upon Him for ability to fill our allotted places, and through His blessed aid bring glory and honor to His ever worthy name.

On behalf of the Meeting

John Paige, Clerk.

26. The Committee appointed at our Morning Session in reference to the appeal of James Henderson, have presented the following Report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

The Committee appointed to hear and judge the case of James Henderson's appeal from the judgment of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, having met and carefully heard the parties concerned, are united in confirming the action of the Quarterly Meeting.

Thomas A. Wheeler	John H. Crosman
William H. Beale	Olney T. Meader
Charles B. Cates	David Kelley
Jacob K. Purinton	Ephraim Gifford
Reuben T. Jones	Augustus F. Cox
Paul Wing	Lemuel Jones
Oliver Meader	Richard Battey

Committee

Newport 6th Mo 14th. 1880.

27. The Committee appointed in reference to the appeal of John W. Hanson, report as follows, viz.;

To the Yearly Meeting.

We, the Committee in the case of the appeal of John W. Hanson from the judgment of Salem Quarterly Meeting, report; That we have given the parties a fair and impartial hearing, and are united in confirming the judgment of

said Quarterly Meeting.

Jona. F. Southwick	James H. Chace
John Frye	Nathan Chace
Daniel Ayer	John F. Tucker
Thomas E. Roberts	David K. Akin
George Estes	George Douglass
Levi Jones	Charles F. Andrews
Henry Winslow	Calvin R. Rockwood

Committee

Newport, 6th Mo 14th 1880.

Adjourned to meet in joint-session to-morrow Morning at 10 o'clock

Third-Day, Morning, Sixth Month 15th
The Meeting assembled in joint-session pursuant to adjournment.

28. The joint-Committee on Foreign Missions made their Annual Report, which was read; also an appeal from Theophilus Waldmeier, on behalf of the Monthly Meeting of Brumana, Mt. Lebanon. The Report is very encouraging to this Meeting, and we feel that-as the work has increased upon our hands, and the beneficial results of our efforts are apparent; we can acknowledge that our interest has also largely increased, and we feel to encourage all our members, and especially our Mothers and sisters to renewed liberality in promoting a work so rich in good fruits. The care of the Mission is again entrusted to the same Committee (with the substitution of Rachel S. Howland in the place of Anna H. Sutton, not now a member of this Yearly Meeting,) with earnest desires that their efforts may be crowned with the Lord's blessing. The subject of an appropriation called for by the Committee is referred to the Committee on Finance. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees, to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year.

A recess was then taken and a voluntary subscription entered into in aid of a Training Home for Girls, on Mt. Lebanon, and the sum of about $1.000 contributed.

To the Yearly Meeting

The Joint-Committee on Foreign Missions report that the Mission on Mt. Lebanon has been carried on during the past year as usual, and we

can thankfully acknowledge that it has been blessed with a good degree of success both in religious and educational work.

The 10 day schools are attended by 359 children, 237 boys and 122 girls. It is especially a sign of improvement that so many of the latter are receiving education, for the social position of woman in that country is very low, and any influence that raises it will be to the advantage of the whole community. After the patient labor of so many years, it is encouraging to see that the fruit is more and more apparent. Some of the older boys have left the school but their influence for good is felt among their neighbors. Some are learning trades, others laboring in the fields, trying to be good examples to their fellow-workers who have not had the same advantages.

The usual course of instruction has been pursued with the present scholars in arithmetic, reading, writing and the truths of the Gospel.

The teacher of the Roumy School, a graduate of the Training Home, writes "I mean to teach my boys the way to Jesus as it has been taught to me by my dear teachers at the Training Home."

At the Training Home, the first class, composed of five intelligent young men have passed through the course of study and received certificates to that effect. One of them is teaching the Roumy School, one studying medicine and well spoken of by his teachers, one is employed as a turner, and one as a carpenter, while one is learning to weave.

There are now 27 boys at the Home, and its educational advantages are so well understood by the community that the parents and friends of the pupils are quite willing to pay something for partaking of its privileges.

At the Christmas gathering of the pupils of this and the day schools, the Governor of the district and his wife, the members of the tribunal, and the principal inhabitants of Brumana were present. At the close of the exercises the Governor said, "I cannot but express from my heart how glad I am to see all this good that is done in our country,

and I pray God may bless this house and its inhabitants, and may He bless and multiply Friends' Mission on Mt. Lebanon". And he added, "I feel it my duty not only to protect but also to help this interesting Mission work by a subscription." The Governor often visits the Mission, and through him the privilege is given of announcing the way of salvation to the people who come from all the villages of the district to plead their causes, and also to those confined in the various prisons.

A small oven has been built, and a bath put up at the School of Industry, a wall has been built around the property, and a large cistern, capable of containing 40,000 gallons of water, has been constructed.

Our Friends in England, besides dividing the running expenses of the Mission with us, have borne the expense of these improvements, and have also purchased a house in Brumana village, where day schools for boys and girls are held, making their contributions for the last year about $3600. The purchase of this house makes it much more convenient for our members in Brumana to attend the meetings, while it was made needful by the expiration of the lease of the buildings where the boys and girls schools were held. The room at the Training Home, formerly used for the meetings, is now occupied as a dormitory, thus making room for more pupils.

The Monthly Meeting has been regularly held and attended. Six new members have been received during the year, among them Rosa Waldmeier, the bright and intelligent daughter of Dr. Waldmeier, and Dr. Beshara, the head of the Medical Mission.

The Medical Mission has been well kept up, four thousand cases have been treated during the year. People come to it from thirty villages, and its effects in allaying religious animosity has been especially manifest. Those of all sects listen quietly while the Scriptures are read in the waiting room. At first the medicine was given gratis, but it has been found better to require payment.

Meetings are held on First-day at Brumana, and one has been commenced at Mansourieh through the influence of one of our members there. The First-day School at Brumana numbers about 130 boys, girls and women. First-day schools are also held at Beit-Mary and Mansourieh. A meeting for sewing

and a mothers Meeting are held at Brumana during the week

With this we present an earnest appeal on behalf of the girls of that country That they may have the same advantages as are now enjoyed at the Boys Training Home. The women of our beloved society have especial privileges. Will they not especially respond to this call from the oppressed of their own sex?

In conclusion, we would ask the Yearly Meeting to appropriate the sum of $750. for this object, and to continue the work under the care of a Committee who will, as the Lord may bless their efforts, endeavor to raise the remainder of the sum needful for our proportion of the expenses. And in order that they may be able to carry this out, we ask that the different Monthly Meetings may be directed to appoint Committees to assist in the work.

The Lord has greatly blessed our endeavors in this direction, but while the success is all owing to His blessing, He expects us to use the best means in our power to obtain it.

On behalf of the Committee
Susan Taber Thompson
Clerk

Newport 6 Mo 15th 1880

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

1879- 6 Mo, by balance last year	121.57
By amt collected at Portland	130.25
" " from B. F. Knowles	100.00
" " " Philadelphia	113.00
" " " Phebe M. Marsh	10.00
" " " Ellen L. Congdon & E. Smith	50.00
" " " all other sources, including $750. from Yearly Meeting	1689.86
	$2.214.68

Payments

1879- 9 Mo 2. To Thosph Waldmeier	1030.92
1880 2 " 24 " " " "	975.00
To amount paid for books	20.40
To balance on hand	188.36
	$2.214.68

New Bedford 5th Mo 1880. George Howland Jr Treas of Com.

An Appeal to American Friends from Friends Mission on Mount-Lebanon.

No nation can be civilised, no country can be elevated, unless good and well educated women will take a share in it.

I am sure you love the Bible lands, and you have already done much for its welfare; but I want to direct your attention to the place where our Heavenly Father has given you a mission field, and this place is on Mt. Lebanon, where Friends' Mission is established, which has prospered so much in such a short time.

We have a Training Home for boys, a Medical Mission, an Industry School, ten branch day schools, four First-day schools, a Devotional Fellowship and a Mo. Meeting.

Much has been done and accomplished by our Divine Master, but there is one thing still left out until now, which has long rested on my heart, and I cannot but bring it before you, so that my conscience might be at rest. We need a Training Home for Girls, for this part of Mt. Lebanon; we have day schools for them, but in a day school we cannot have sufficient control over them so as to be able to mould and form their young hearts and minds according to our desire, and it is really very sad to see them go every evening to their dark, miserable homes, where they get only bad example, and often the impressions of school are quite lost at home.

Besides, there is another evil, which is that girls of nine or ten years of age get married before they are able to learn or become useful; but if these children are taken away from their relations and trained in a Boarding School, we could keep them till they are fifteen or eighteen years old, where they may become, by Christ's blessing and our efforts, well-educated, good and pious women.

We must sympathise with the poor women of Mt. Lebanon, for they are despised, ill-treated and regarded as having only as much understanding as a hen; so they generally say, "We need a Training Home for girls," — one in which we can have about twenty girls to train in, so that Mt. Lebanon might have good Mothers, who are able to bring up their children in God's fear, taking an active part in the elevation of the social and religious life, and when we have good Mothers, then we can say our victory

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over degredation and superstition is won, and the day-break of better times will be at hand.

There have been some young gir who were taken up by one of the very first American Missionaries, Dr. Eli Smith, and trained in his house, and there have all, without exception, become good Mothers, an are good examples to those around them, this shows the power of good training, No doubt it will be a great blessing if our American Friends would take up this matter and look upon it as their own. The land is already in our possession, and we need only the buildi which will cost, when completed, £600. and the current expenses of twenty girls will cost £350. a year.

Now this is a large sum I kno but remember, dear friends, a good woman and pious mother is a thousand times more precious in this and the other world than this sum of money; and w trust by our Heavenly Fathers help, not only one pious woman, but many, will come forth out of a Training Home like this. I ask you earnestly to look on this matter with prayerful consideration, and please let me know your conclusion.

Our dear friend Eli Jones will tell and explain to you the matter clearly, as he has been in this country and knows this Mission field, and has worked and done much for it for which our Heavenly Father will reward him in the Better Land. But let him and his friend in America rejoice in putting the Key-Stone into Friends Mission by erecting a Training Home for girls.

Now I have told you that which was upon my heart; I leave it now under the care of our Heavenly Father who will move and interest the hearts of His children for His work, if it is His holy will.

Theophilus Waldmeier

Brummana, Mt. Lebanon - 4th Mo 14 - 1880.

Committee on Foreign Missions

Eli Jones, Rebecca H. Smiley, Abby S. Bailey

Wm Thompson, Susan T. Thompson, Harriet N. Jones

George Howland Jr. Sylvia G. Howland Albert E. Buffum.
Henry T. Wood. Anna G. Wood Obadiah Chace
Benjamin F. Knowles Sarah F. Tobey Augustus F. Cox
Eliza P. Varney Ann Maria Coffin Hannette D. Collins
J. Warren Starkey Mary W. Jones Celinda Metcalf
Wm H. Beale Abbie M. Harris Timothy B. Hussey
Elizabeth K. Hoxie Eli Jepson Charles M. Jones
Elizabeth H. Newhall Moses Sawyer Hannah B. Sawyer
Rachel S. Howland.

29. The Committee on Education have presented their Annual Report, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and we commit the subject to the same Committee the ensuing year.

In reference to the approaching Educational Conference to be held at Haverford College, the Meeting did not feel to enter upon the appointment of delegates, but Friends were encouraged to attend it as way might open.

Committee on Education

Augustine Jones John F. Tucker Aseneth Tetlow.
Matthew Howland Caroline Alice Jones Rachel S. Howland.

Report of Committee on Education.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Education report; That they have given attention to the subject referred to them and that they find the interest of Friends in the higher education of their children constantly increasing. This appears in the large attendance of Friends' children at the Boarding School, and in the higher quality of the instruction required there.

The subject of assisting needy young men and women in their expenses at College continues to claim the earnest attention and sympathy of the Committee.

We find this year, as we found last year, a number of persons entering the Colleges of other denominations, because those institutions furnish aid by scholarships and otherwise. We are stimulating our children in the direction of higher Education, and others are reaping where we have sown. We earnestly commend this subject to the attention of persons seeking opportunities to benefit Society and to aid their fellow-men. It presents a field where

small expenditures will yield great results in the future.

It has been said that this kind of Education is a luxury only to be enjoyed by the few who can afford it. As to the individual, that may be true; but as to the public, as to society, such education is a necessity; because higher education re-enforces all orders of Education beneath, and gives character and influence to society.

The great trust of $800.000 left by D. Taylor of Burlington, N.J. for the education of young women, is matter for rejoicing and special thanksgiving. And certainly there was peculiar fitness in placing this great institution under the care of Friends, who as a people have never ceased to maintain the Spiritual equality of men and women. And what resources it furnishes us for Education according to our Method

A Conference in the interests of higher Education is to be held at Haverford College, beginning on the Seventh day of next month, and the Yearly Meetings are invited to send delegates to it; which invitation we are informed, has already been accepted by several Yearly Meetings. The Committee, without attempting to direct or anticipate the judgment of the Meeting, are of opinion that such Conference should be composed of persons from the several Yearly Meetings, in their individual capacity, and not as agents of the Meeting with powers to act in its behalf.

It is however, highly important that the friends of Education from New England should attend that Conference in as large numbers as possible.

In behalf of the Committee

Augustine Jones
John F. Tucker
Caroline Alice Jones
Matthew Howland
Rachel S. Howland

Sixth Month 14th 1880.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon — met in joint session pursuant to adjournment

30. The Report of the Joint Committee on General

Meetings and other Gospel service, was now presented and read. This concern was felt to be one vitally important to the Church in New England, and the duty of Ministers to the Church, and of the Church to its ministry, was considered with earnest desires that the will of the Lead may be done by all its members.

While we feel gratified by the evidence of faithful labor on the part of the Committee during the past year, we turn to the whitened harvest field with longing desires that our prayers and our faithful labors may be more freely given to the work for the year to come.

In the re-appointment of the same Committee for further service, (with the substitution of Ruth S. Murray in the place of Mary G. Jones deceased,) we desire their encouragement, and also that they may receive the continued help and sympathy of Friends.

With a view to aid them in the accomplishment of their work, the Meeting Entered upon a voluntary contribution and the sum of $941.61 realized and directed to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Committee.

Committee on General Meetings, &c.

Eli Jones	Susan T. Thompson	Anna G. Wood
Rebecca H. Smiley	William Thompson	Charles M. Jones
Sarah W. Goddard	Harriet N. Jones	Hannah S. Wing
Allen Jay	James Carhand	Levi Franklin Jones
J. Wm Jacob	Hannah J. Bailey	S. Narcissa Jacob
Harriette D. Collins	Charles B. Cates	Henry T. Wood
J. Warren Hawkes	Wm P. Macomber	Ruth S. Murray.
Charles H. Jones	Wm C. Newhall	

Report of the Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel work.

To the Yearly Meeting.

Five General and several series of Meetings have been held by members of your Committee on "General Meetings and other Gospel work," during the past year. All the Quarterly, and most of the subordinate meetings comprising them, have been visited. Many remote families, and sick and infirm individuals have also claimed our sympathy and attention. These visits and labors have, we believe, been much blessed to the Church, but still there is need of much more being done,

for many of our meetings are in a low condition, and need to be visited oftener, and more of continuous and united labor bestowed upon them. Our ranks in the Lord's army need repleting. We want increased power, both from without and within; especially from the indwelling of the Holy Ghost; to enable us to march on to victory.

The cry from many places is, "Come over and help us." Sometimes the messengers of the Lord like best to visit live meetings. The service is much more difficult where but little interest to hear and receive is manifested. The latter need more attention.

If some method of regular visitation were adopted a rich blessing might be the result. We need the wisdom that comes from above. The world employs common sense in its important enterprises. Why should we not use, "Sanctified common sense" in the more important concerns of this life and that which is to come?

While much has been done by some members of the Committee, and we thankfully acknowledge that our feeble efforts have been blessed by the Great Head of the Church, yet much remains undone. The fields are white unto harvest.

In concluding we would recommend the appointment of a Committee to continue this work another year.

Respectfully submitted
Hannah J. Bailey, Clerk.

Newport 6 Mo 13th 1880

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow Morning at 10 O,clock

Fourth-day Morning, 6th Month 16th

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment

31. The Records of the Representative Meeting, were now read and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by this Meeting.

32. By the Records of the Representative Meeting it appears that the following subject from Salem Monthly Meeting is referred to this Meeting, Viz:

This Meeting desires from the Representative

Meeting an explicit definition of the status of an individual in a Monthly Meeting, where a Minute of Sojourn in his favor has been received.

In how far is he amenable to its government or entitled to its privileges?

From the Minutes of Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn, 6th Mo 9th 1880.

J. Ellwood Paige, Clerk.

Whereupon we appoint our friends, Benjamin F. Knowles, Ellen K. Buffum, Charles F. Coffin, Hannah B. Sawyer, George Howland, Jr., Rachel S. Howland, Lemuel Jones, Esther Jones, Richard Battey, Abby S. Battey, Thomas B. Nichols, Peace Jones, Jacob K. Purinton, Anna M. Hussey, Levi Jones and Hannah J. Bailey, a Committee to whom we refer this subject; and they are requested to report at a future sitting.

33. The Committee under appointment for Mission Work in North Carolina and other States in the South, Made the following Report, Viz,:

To the Yearly Meeting

Dear friends.— Your Committee on Educational and Mission Work in the South feel glad to be able to report that the work has been continued with increased interest and success during the past year. We have employed eight teachers during most of the Fall and Winter, seven of whom taught schools in North Carolina, and one in Tennessee;—265 scholars, between the ages of four and twenty five years have received instruction at these schools; about one half of whom are the children of Friends; Bible schools and temperance work have been continued: the latter with not quite as much zeal as last year.

The former have increased in interest and in the number attending them. Our teachers all seem to be earnest Bible students and make great efforts to induce the older as well as younger people to attend the schools. Each family of Friends has been supplied with Bibles, and some others, with copies of the Bible or Testament— 115 volumes of Friends' writings were obtained by a member of this Committee from the Trustees of the Obadiah Brown Fund, and sent to our Mission

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field ; North Carolina. These were divided into three parcels, one of each was sent to each of the following places, Viz:- Hunting Creek Tolnut and Deep Creek, to form the nucleus of a Library. A Friend writing from one of these places, says, "there are about 435 members in Deep Creek Monthly Meeting, most of whom have been received recently, and they need instinction in the way of salvation and in the customs of Friends." A new meeting has been established at Liberty and called Winthrop, in respect to the Monthly Meeting, which started and supported the first school held there. They built a new house last Fall, in which the school and meeting are both held. A Friend who lately visited the Meeting wrote us that the house was filled and that he had seldom seen so many children at a Meeting. He spoke of their being very orderly, and listening with interest to what was said in the Meeting. He says they have a good Bible School and a lively Teachers Meeting. This, three years ago, was the poorest and most unpromising place in our Mission field.

Some of our most advanced scholars at Hunting Creek are now engaged in teaching. Others are attending Friends' Boarding School at New Garden, trying to fit themselves for greater usefulness in the world.

We have received many letters from teachers, scholars and parents, expressing their heartfelt gratitude for what we have done for them. We sent five barrels of clothing last Winter which were distributed among the very poor, thus enabling them to attend school and meeting, and to be more comfortable at home in their open log houses. These were received with expressions of much gratitude.

We will close this report with the concluding sentence of a letter received from a Friend living within the limits of Deep Creek Monthly Meeting. He says, "your work here has been very much blessed, we hope you will be able to continue it a while longer as most of it would be lost if discontinued now," — $500 will be needed if the work is continued another year.

On behalf of the Committee,

Hannah J. Bailey,

Cor Secretary.

Newport R. I. 6th Mo 14th 1880.

Committee on Education in the South in acct with the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

1879 D2

12th Mo 19th	To paid on acct of School Books	$8.25
28th	" " " " " " Furniture	15.00
	" " Sarah J. Holmes for freight	4.50
	" " Express on clothing	7.00
	" " for Tracts and Portage	6.59
1880 2 Mo 21	" " Freight, Money Orders & Portage	3.32
	" " Teachers wages	406.29
	" " Portage and Incidentals	.96
	" " Balance in the hands of the Committee	177.54
		$629.45

1879 C2

6th Month	By balance in hands of Committee	$186.51
7th "	" Amt Rec'd of E. S. Frye	3.00
	" " " " Winthrop Mo Meeting	11.50
9th Mo	" " " " L. D. Farr	10.00
11th "	" " " " L. Macomber	5.00
	" " " from Sale of Books	13.44
	" " " " Yearly Meeting	400.00
		$629.45

For the Committee

Matthew Howland

Newport 6th Month 1880. Treasurer

The Report is accepted and is satisfactory to the Meeting, and we conclude to continue the concern under the care of the same Committee, with the exception of Joseph N. Swift, deceased, and the addition of Allen Jay and Martha Jay.

The subject of an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

Committee. Benjamin F. Knowles, Joseph E. Macomber, Julielma Freeborn, Gertrude W. Cartland, Joseph S. Nichols, Matthew Howland, Allen Jay, Hannah L. Hoxie, Sarah A. Holmes, Grace Douglass, Esther Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Alfred H. Jones, Elisabeth S. Frye, Mary R. Jones, Richard Batley, Sarah Jane Swift, Joseph Taylor, Hannah J. Bailey, Albert C. Buffum, Lydia C. Tuttle, Rachel S. Howland, Moses Bailey, Charles M. Jones, Charles F. Coffin, Ann Maria Coffin, Rebecca Hoag, Moses Sawyer and Martha Jay.

34. The Joint-Committee on the concern of this Meeting

for the improvement of the Indians west of the Mississipp River, made their Annual Report as follows, Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

The joint Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Western Indians, report; that the relinquishment of our responsibility to the government, has not essentially changed our relations to the Indians, nor apparently affected our facilities for useful labor amongst them.

Only two of the Agencies are now in charge of members of our society, Viz.: Laban J. Miles, of the Osage Agency, and John D. Miles in charge of the Cheyennes and Arrapahoes. They are efficient and successful in the discharge of their duties and appear to have the confidence of the Government.

The Associated Executive Committee at their Meeting in the Fifth Month, at Richmond, Ind., having fully examined the work under its supervision, and feeling that Friends had been providentially relieved from responsibility to the Government, were convinced that never before was the Lords blessing so signally manifest in the fruits of their labors — "we recognise with gratitude that He seems to have placed before us an open door for teaching the Indians a Knowledge of the Saving truth of Christianity, and for aiding them in literary and industrial education".

The Clerk was directed to give the several Yearly Meetings an account of the present hopeful condition of the work, and the providential opportunities which open before us, and submit to their judgment the question of the continued prosecution of the work through the means of an Associated Executive Committee. That Committee were united in proposing that the sum of $2500 be raised by the Associated Yearly Meetings, in aid of this important work for the ensuing Year — our proportion of that sum on the quota as heretofore adopted, will be $425.

We extract from reports and letters to the Associated Committee showing the increase of religious interest at the different Agencies.

Franklin Elliott reports 4th Mo 30th,

from Shawnee Town, Sac and Fox Agency "in making our Fifth Monthly Report, we would state that we feel that the Good Master has been preparing the way before us; our opportunities to work for Christ are on the increase, and with them our responsibilities. On the first Sabbath of the Month, my third appointment for the Shawnees was attended by six of them; on the second Sabbath, I held two meetings at Pleasant Prairie among the Pottawatomies, at which, upon a public profession of faith, three men were given the right hand of fellowship, and received into membership with our religious society.

One of them is said to be the most influential and best man among the Pottawatomies. There are but few in the neighborhood, most of them seem to be earnestly inquiring after truth as it is in Christ. The Schools are prospering; the one here is full except that a few are out for a few days to help plant corn.

The larger pupils of the Pottawatomie School have quit and gone to work. The Good Master is opening the way for the entrance of the Gospel among the Shawnees. I would like to urge upon Friends the great necessity of taking some Indian children and educating them under the influence of our society, in order to fit them for leaders among their own people."

Jeremiah Hubbard writes under date of 4th mo 28th 1880, "since I returned home in the Winter from Indiana, I have visited several of the tribes in the Quapaw Agency, and mingled with them at their homes and at meetings, and am glad to say that many of them have accepted the Lord as their Savior. Quite a number of them since their conversion, have joined Friends—Some of them rose in our Meetings and said they felt it was right to join Friends, and they are very much attached to them.

I was with the Modocs a week ago last First-day, we reached their School house at 10 o'clock, the house was well filled, and they had just finished their Sabbath School.

We had a good Meeting, the presence of the Lord was felt in our midst. After we were through speaking, Steamboat Frank spoke awhile; their Meetings and their deportment are a credit to any neighborhood. At two O'clock we were at the Wyandotte Mission to Meeting. The new School Building is completed, and Meeting was held there to good satisfaction. On Seventh-day, before we visited the Ottawas, some of them had requested to join Friends

and had been received, and a Meeting was held on that account — a very favored time it was to all that were there.

The Senecas held a Meeting two weeks ago last First-day, and wanted that I should come and hold Meetings with them. There are a number of them that have never been to a Meeting in their life. I have felt it right to help them all I can; I love to be with them, I verily think that now is the time for Friends to open the door wide and help, as they are looking to the Society."

L. J. Miles says of his Agency, (the Osage) while there has not been that marked improvement that many might expect, yet I believe there has been a steady advancement." The schools have been kept up almost continuously since my arrival, and a very pleasant feeling has existed between the Indians and the employees.

The old barriers of religious prejudice have been broken down, not by persistent opposition, but by maintaining continually that others were entitled to credit for honesty of purpose and sincerity of belief, as well as the Indians themselves. A Meeting for worship has been kept up regularly at both Agencies, followed by a Bible School on First-days. At Osage Agency we have a Sabbath evening service, Prayer Meeting Fourth-day evening, and Teachers Meeting Seventh-day evening, besides regular collection service with the scholars every evening at 8 o'clock. We hope that the seed quietly sown, may find good ground in many of our hearts, as well as of those with whom we labor, bringing an abundant harvest in years to come."

A letter from E. Tuttle to one of our Committee, says, "Thou speaks of organizing Friends Meetings among the Indians, I am convinced that that is the only way to hold our ground. It is natural and right for believers to desire to become members of a Church.

If we do not admit them, other churches do, and we suffer loss. As thou knows we organized a Meeting among the Modocs; I think I never attended a Meeting where there was a greater manifestation of spiritual life among its members. We think Steamboat Frank is truly a baptised Minister; he believes and his pupils believe, he is called of

God to speak to them. Since a change was made in the Agents and Workers, a great effort has been made to get them out of the hands of Friends, but the effort has proved a failure. Last night Steamboat-Frank, Bogus Charley, and three women came here and spent the night, they came here on purpose to tell us their wishes. They said they wanted always to be Quakers.

During the Winter and Spring, a barrel of clothing and material, together with a box of books and papers were sent from New Bedford to the care of Asa and Emmeline Tuttle, also a barrel from Portland, to their care, all of which proved useful and satisfactory.

In conclusion we would say, we feel there is no cause for discouragement, and recommend the continuance of a Committee,

In behalf of the Committe

Henry T. Wood,
Ellen K. Buffum.

Newport 6th Mo 16th 1880

This report is deeply interesting and very satisfactory to the Meeting. The report was supplemented by remarks from the Clerk of the Associated Executive Committe of Friends of America on Indian Affairs Dr. J. E. Rhoads. The result of the labors of this Committe have been a cause of encouragement to us, Especially the increased religious awakening manifested amongst this once savage and greatly oppressed people.

A number of the Indians have been received into membership of a regular Monthly Meeting in Kansas, while a Friends Meeting has been established under the care of our Friends Asa and Emmeline Tuttle, among whom are several who have given evidence of true conversion, and as is believed, one has received a gift in the Ministry of the Gospel. A daughter of this individual is now being educated at Lawrence Kansas, intending to return and become a teacher of Indian Children. We conclude to continue the concern in the care of the Committe now under appointment, (with the exception of Eliza P. Smiley, removed from our Yearly Meeting). The subject of an appropriation in aid of the Associated Executive Committe on Indian Affairs, is referred to the Committee on Finance. Committee, Henry T. Wood Anna G. Wood, John F. Tucker, William C. Newhall, Ellen K. Buffum, Sarah Caroline Tobey, Susan Peckham, Mary W. Jones, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Rebecca Anthony, Martha Jay, Eli Jepson,

Elizabeth K. Hoxie, John J. Frye of Portland, Myra E. Frye, Thomas J. Batty, Sarah W. Goddard, Hannah T. Jenkins, Joseph E. Briggs and Thomas Buffum.

35. The Committee appointed to serve this Meeting on behalf of the Freedmen, report as follows, Viz:

The Committee accept Annual Report of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tennessee.

The Labors of your Committee during the past year have been directed to making the School at Maryville more attractive and useful for the Freedmen, who wish to acquire an education fitting them for the various duties of life.

Arrangements were made to continue the school in the care of William P. Hastings, who has served it as Principal for the last nine years.

The School was opened in the 8th. Mo last, with an enrollement of 84 pupils — 29 more than the preceding year; and it continued to increase until it numbered at its close 211. — 18 less than than the previous year.

As the fruits of the Maryville School, 54 of its former Students have been teaching about 2500 pupils, making, including those taught at the Institute about 2700 — costing Friends, according to the appropriation, less than 43 cents for each one taught.

For four months of the year, commencing with the Ninth, an average of about forty-seven were engaged in teaching in the various Southern States, while during the same time last year the average but little exceeded thirty-one.

The Normal class was little more than 15 per cent larger than the year before.

These encouraging features, taken in connection with the continued demand for Maryville students, lead your Committee to express a wish that the usefulness of the Institution may not be impaired for the want of pecuniary encouragement.

The unsteady attendance of the pupils in all the Schools is very unfavorable to obtaining results equal to what we desire: but in all such enterprises, patience is a virtue by which similar

difficulties are lessened if not entirely overcome.

The religious interest manifested among the pupils a year ago last Spring, is seen in the improved lives they live, for which all Friends who may be interested in their religious and intellectual elevation, should be truly thankful.

The pay of the Principal was the same as last year, and is met by your appropriation of $1150. and the balance by the Committee.

It was thought by many that to change nearly a useless building standing upon the premises to a dormitory would be an advantage to the Institution, your Committee was left at liberty to make the alteration, if it could be done without an appropriation from this Meeting.

A few hundred dollars given and promised from different sources encouraged the Committee to commence the alteration, with a view of fitting up the basement and a part; if not the whole of the first story, trusting and hoping that way might open to make the entire change.

Different sums, from one dollar up to larger amounts, came in from different sources and at different times, until it was thought advisable to complete the alteration of the entire building.

The Institution, by this alteration, now has a dormitory that will accommodate ninety two self-boarders.

It is well ventilated, and covered with two coats of best white lead paint, inside and out.

It has an oak platform eight feet wide in front, running the entire length of the building, and a walk of the same material from the front door to the gate, and from there to the Institution, giving a good dry walk in the muddy part of the season, all of which, for its beauty and convenience, is a credit to the place.

It will require about three Hundred dollars more for furniture to make a complete outfit for all the rooms.

The cost of the building has been	$2,765.42
Carpet for sitting room	20.00
One years insurance renewed	57.00
Total amount Expended	$2,842.42

To meet the cost there has been received through the

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Hands of William P. Hastings.

From Elizabeth Tannum Philadelphia Pa.	$100.00
English Lady, name not known	96.10
Murray Fund	100.00
Benjamin Tatham	25.00
Stanley Pumphrey	10.00
Different Friends at Glens Falls	5.25
Woonsocket R.I. Sabbath School	6.00
Colored people	30.03
	$372.38

Received by one of the Committee

From Mary S. Macomber	2.00
" Hannah Griffin	4.00
" Lloyd Mifflin's estate by will	200.00
" Lincoln D. Farr by Hannah J. Bailey	5.00
" Moses Sawyer	25.00
" Stanley Pumphrey and other English Friends £50.	243.00
New York Friends through Wm F. Mott	
" Isaac Hall	20.00
" Isaac Hall's wife	5.00
" Wm F. Mott	5.00
" Wm R. Thurston	10.00
" Edward Tatum	10.00
" Wm N. S. Wood and wife	10.00
" " " " " " three children	3.00
" Phebe Sampson	5.00
" Ann Sutton	5.00
" Mary C. Wood	5.00
" Maria Willetts	5.00
" Hannah M. Boadle	5.00
" Alfred Haines	5.00
" Rebecca Haviland	4.00
" Other Friends in smaller sums	23.05
	$599.05

Condensed

Received by Wm P. Hastings	$372.38
" " one of the Com	599.05
Given by a Friend to balance acct	187.99
	$2842.42

Contrary to what was expected, the School received no public money this year; we therefore recommend that this Meeting appropriate $1300 to assist the

noble entaprise in educating the colored man, that he may become a useful citizen of our beloved country.

Trusting that Friends will duly appreciate the importance of this Institution, we submit the Repat with that of the Principal for your consideration.

On behalf of the Committee
Benjamin F. Knowles

Newport 6th Mo 15th 1880.

This Repat is gratifying to the Meeting and the unostentatious but efficient manner in which the work has been carried on, and the generous contribution by one of the Committee in aid of the cause has cheered and encouraged us. We conclude to continue the concern in the care of the Committee under appointment last year. The subject of an appropriation is refered to the Committee on Finance.

Freedmen's Committee

Benjamin F. Knowles	Gertrude W. Carland
Charles F. Coffin	Ann Maria Coffin
Moses Bailey	Hannah J. Bailey.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions at 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon — assembled pursuant to adjournment.

36. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year.

The Friends named are satisfactory to the Meeting and are appointed accordingly.

Viz: Stephen Chace	Reuben T. Jones	S. Jane Cox
Samuel R. Buffinton	Moses Bailey	Richard Battey
Ellen K. Buffum	Phebe P. Jones	James G. Arnold
Anna T. Dennis	Hannah J. Bailey	Ann B. Earle
Joseph Carland	William C. Newhall	Abby S. Battey
Owen Dame	Henry T. Wood	Eli Jones
Gertrude W. Carland	George Douglass	Thomas B. Nichols
Mary Alice Brown	Elizabeth A. Douglass	Hannah T. Jenkins
George Howland Jr.	Charles F. Coffin	S. Narcissa Jacob
Josiah Holmes Jr.	William C. Tabe[illegible]	Samuel Buffum
Susan T. Thompson	Samuel Jones	Jacob K. Buffinton
Anna G. Wood	Sarah F. Tobey	Anna M. Hussey
Anna F. Hall	Augustus F. Cox	Rachel S. Howland
Elmira B. Buffum	John J Frye	Augustine Jones

Rebecca C. Grinnell John S. Tucker Allen Jay
Thomas Harkness Alfred H. Jones Elizabeth Ann Slade
Lydia Haight- David K. Akin Abigail M Hanson
Rachel B. Nichols J. Wm Jacob Wm H. Beale.

37. The Joint Committee on the subject of Temperance, have presented their Annual Report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Temperance have attended to their appointment, having labored with increased effort to convince our members of the necessity of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks; and while we find a constant movement in this direction, as the Committee become more familiar with the views and habits of our members, evidences continue to appear that light is needed upon this absorbing subject.

During the past year, science has given to the world indisputable evidence, that alcoholic drinks are not only useless, but injurious, in every instance, in proportion as they are indulged in.

It is to establish this point, the Committee have labored firmly convinced it is the only safe ground upon which we can stand. And we have constantly increasing evidence, that Christian nations, are moving towards such a decision, with a momentum hitherto unknown or anticipated. The persistent efforts of the great religious denominations, on both sides of the Atlantic, with the proposed change in the statute law of some of the states, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks, in addition to the increasing local interest, all over the land are mile-stones on the road to total abstinence, that cannot be mistaken.

In accordance with the conclusion of the Committee in the 6th Month last, the programme of visiting each Monthly Meeting, to labor for the promotion of this cause, has been very nearly carried out; and while we have found an increasing interest in the work, we have been more and more convinced of the necessity of spreading correct information upon this great question. The Committee feel that too much importance cannot be attached

to the circulation and distribution of tracts touching the danger ous habit of using alcoholic drinks in any form.

A Juvenile Sub-Committee was ap pointed in the Sixth Month last, to visit the Bible Schools and in- troduce the triple pledge. This Committee has been quite successful in its work,— more than five Hundred having been re ported as signing it. Both branches of the Committee have performed much more service the past year than heretofore; over one hundred Meetings have been the result of their labors.

Many have been induced to abandon their drinking habits, to sign the pledge, and souls have been brought to Christ, through the instrumentality of this Committee.

The increasing call for Temper ance literature, and interest manifested in the work, is cause for much thankfulness, and ominous of a rich harvest of blessings that must eventually follow.

We would urge the necessity of united effort in this work; of moving forward, confident that victory will yet crown our labors, and we shall have the blessings of those who are ready to perish, as our reward.

We advise the appointment of a new Committee for the coming year, and that two hundred dollars be appropri ated for their use.

On behalf of the Committee

James P. Boyce

Hannitte D. Collins

Portland 6th Mo 15th 1880.

This report is adopted, and very satisfactory to the Meeting, and at the suggestion of the Committee now under ap- point-ment, we appoint James P. Boyce, Obadiah Chace, John J. Frye and Augustus F. Cox, a Committee to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends, to nominate a Com mittee to whom this important subject may be intrusted the coming year. The subject of an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

38. The Committee to promote Scriptural Instruction in First-day Schools, made the following Report, Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

We feel that we have cause for thankfulness to our Father in Heaven, that we are

again permitted to present to you our Annual Report.

Early in the Year a Committee was appointed to visit our Bible Schools, as way might open for such service, and many have been visited, and Bible readings given, and marked results of an encouraging character have followed. A few jewels have been gathered for the Master's crown, while many of His dear children have learned to love the blessed Bible better, as they have searched prayerfully to know more perfectly the way of life as revealed through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the written Word of God.

The subject of Libraries has claimed our earnest attention; and a Committee was appointed to examine into the character of the books contained in them, and to see that the literature placed before our children is such as will tend to elevate their minds, both morally and spiritually.

We are glad to report an increased interest among our older members in our Bible Schools, as their presence in them helps to strengthen and encourage the younger.

About the first of the Fifth Month, Postal cards were mailed to each Superintendent or Corresponding Secretary, numbering sixty-five, with questions to be answered descriptive of the School, from which the following information was gained.

The entire membership, as reported from 46 Schools is =	2029
Average attendance	1368
Number of Friends	1069
Number of Volumes in Libraries	9464
Number who have signed the triple pledge	382

One School reports that all its members have signed, and two Schools all but two.

Twenty-seven schools report that the study of the Bible is increasing, while some make no report, and a few reply in the negative.

Seven or eight report holding Teachers Meetings, and thirty nine continue the School all the Year.

Lesson Sheets are used in nearly all Schools, and

the suggestion comes from some, that they should be prepared by Friends.

May we all feel the responsibility resting upon us in this important work, and endeavor to instill into the minds of the young the truths of the Gospel, and though we may not see the fruits of our labors at once, let us not be discouraged, but "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit", that all may be gathered into the fold of the Good Shepherd.

We recommend the appointment of a new Committee to have the oversight of this very interesting and important subject, and that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for its use.

On behalf of the Committee
George H. Farr
Mary J. Rogers.

Newport 6th Mo 15th 1880.

The Report is satisfactory and is adopted and we conclude to appoint our friends Charles W. Goddard, George H. Farr, John J. Frye, William P. Macomber, Isaac Winslow, Olney T. Meader, John L. Chase and Abel C. Monroe, to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends to propose the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Scriptural Instruction the ensuing year.

The subject of an appropriation as called for is referred to the Committee on Finance.

39. The Committee appointed last year to consider the formation of an American Friends Mission Board and report their judgment thereon at this Meeting, present the following report, Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee appointed last year to consider the proposition of our friend Stanley Pumphrey, of England, for the formation of an American Board of Friends Home and Foreign Missions, have given careful attention to the subject. Two members of our Committee attended the Conference of Yearly Meetings held at Indianapolis, in 12th Month last, to consider this proposition.

Our delegates to that Conference have met with us at this time, and given us an interesting account of its proceedings. They also presented a Constitution prepared by by the Conference, which we present to the Yearly Meeting with this Report. While we feel im-

pressed with the importance of this subject, and believe that it may be highly advantageous to some of the Yearly Meetings to unite in such an organization, it does not seem best for us to recommend that this Yearly Meeting adopt the Constitution at this time.

We hope the subject will continue to receive the prayerful consideration of Friends, and would propose that the subject be continued under the care of a Committee another year.

On behalf of the Committee
Eli Jones
Rebecca H. Smiley

Newport 6th mo 16th 1880

The Report having been read is satisfactory to this Meeting, and we conclude to continue the Committee now under appointment, (with the exception of Albert K. Smiley, removed from this Yearly Meeting) who are requested to give the subject their careful consideration and report to this Meeting next year. Committee;

Eli Jones	Moses Bailey	Anna G. Wood
Henry T. Wood	Joseph H. Pratt	Ann Maria Coffin
Allen Jay	Joseph E. Briggs	Margaret B. Cates
James Dennis	Ellen K. Buffum	Hannah B. Sawyer
Wm C. Taber	Wm H. Beale	Julielma Freeborn
Matthew Howland	Rachel S. Howland	Anna M. Hussey
Wm D. Newhall	Rebecca H. Smiley	Harriette D. Collins
Josiah Holmes, Jr.,	Anna T. Dennis	Elizabeth P. Nichols

40. The Committee appointed last year, in reference to the few members of our Society residing in the British Provinces, made the following Report, Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to whom was referred the care of the Members of our Society residing in the British Provinces report,

The contributions taken up in this Yearly Meeting last year amounting to about $82 was at once forwarded through China Monthly Meeting for the immediate relief of one family then residing at Cape Breton.

At the first meeting of the Committee last year

it was decided that it was best to remove the above-mentioned family to China, Maine, and this was accomplished in the Autumn.

The $100 appropriated by the Yearly Meeting for the use of the Committee has been expended upon this family; $30 was required for their removal, and the remainder in supplying their needs afterwards.

A Friend interested in them has also sent money at different times, as needed, for their support, amounting in all to $90.

There are thirty members of our Society still residing in the Provinces, twenty-six of whom are at Victoria.

The Committee still feel that these distant members ought to be visited, but way has not opened this year to do it.

We recommend that a Committee be appointed to extend further care to these Friends, and that $200 be appropriated for the use of this Committee.

On behalf of the Committee
Rebecca H. Smiley

Newport 6th Mo 16th 1880.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and we conclude to continue the Committee to extend such care towards these distant members as way may open. The subject of an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance. Committee. Josiah Holmes, Jr, Benjamin F. Knowles, George Richardson, Eli Jones, Sarah A. Holmes, Sarah M. Richardson, Rebecca H. Smiley and Rachel S. Howland.

41. The Joint-Committee, under appointment to distribute the income arising from the Morton Fund, presented the following Report, Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Joint-Committee appointed to receive the income under the trust created by the will of Henry H. Morton, and apply the sum, as directed, to "the purpose of printing and circulating books and tracts inculcating and developing the principles of the Christian religion as preached and promulgated by the early Friends" report as follows.

The contract alluded to last year, as having been made in England for printing a small edition of the Memorials of John Ford, has after considerable delay been concluded, and 500 copies of that work

have been received, and are monthly distributed. Nearly 300 copies of the second series of Annals of Early Friends have been purchased and circulated during the year. A number of small books and tracts have also been bought and distributed.

A small appropriation in aid of the Mexican Mission was made during the year, in their effort to print and circulate religious reading in the Spanish language in that interesting field.

The following is a statement of Receipts and Expenditures:

Receipts.

Balance on hand as reported last year	$330.31
Received of Charles F. Coffin, in behalf of Trustees	250.00
" for 100 copies of "John Ford"	49.00
" interest on deposits	8 38
	$637 69

Expenses.

Paid on behalf of Mexican Missions, in connection with Committee of New York Yearly Meeting	$18.67
Paid for 280 copies of Annals of Early Friends and Exp	82.93
" " 600 copies of Memorials of John Ford and Expense	293.80
" Philadelphia Association of Friends for books	17.55
" Express for forwarding	5.97
Balance in hands of Committee 6th Mo 15th 1880.	218.77
	$637.69

On behalf of the Committee
Samuel R. Buffington
Rebecca H. Smiley

Newport 6th Month 15th 1880

The report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same Committee is continued for further service another year. Committee; Henry J. Wood, Samuel R. Buffington, J. Ellwood Paige, Rebecca H. Smiley, Gertrude W. Cartland, Harriet N. Jones.

12. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The receipts of the past year have been

Balance from previous year	22.11
From Boston City Bond	500.00
" New Bedford Institution for Savings	20.88
Total income	$542.99

The payments for the same time have been

To the Yearly Meeting Book Committee	250.00
" one-fifth of income added to the principal	104.18
" Balance in the hands of the Trustees	188.81
Total expenditure	$542.99

The investment of the Fund is in

City of Boston Registered Bond, 5 per cent	10.000.00
Deposit in New Bedford Institution for Savings	341.18
Total investment	$10.541.18

E. F. Coffin for the Trustees

Lynn 6th Month 11th 1880.

43. The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee on Temperance, presented the following named Friends, to which the Meeting concludes to add the name of Augustus F. Cox. The Report thus amended is adopted and the nomination approved, and they are accordingly appointed to that service the ensuing year. Committee. Harriet D. Collins, Ellen K. Buffum, James K. Collins, Charles A. Chase, John F. Chase, Elizabeth H. Valentine, Mary Almy Chase, Samuel A. Jones, John F. Tucker, Wm P. Macomber, Phebe B. Slocum, Hannah S. Wing, Elizabeth P. Nichols, Joseph M. Hanson, Alice Purinton, Lydia L. Sawyer, Samuel Buffum, James S. Read, Abigail Wheeler, Abby S. Battey, D. Wheeler Swift, J. William Jacob, Frank L. Jones, Lydia L. Frye, Augustus F. Cox, Esther Osborn, Charles W. Goddard. S. Jane Cox, Edward S. Hacker, Hannah T. Jenkins, Isaac Warren Hawkes, David Douglass, Harriet N. Jones and Emeline Meyers.

44 The Friends appointed to nominate a Committee on Scriptural Instruction in First-Day Schools, report the following, which is approved, and the Friends named are appointed to that service the ensuing year. Committee on Bible Schools, William J. Collins, Charles A. Thorndike, John F. Tucker, Charles W. Goddard, John J. Frye, Albert C. Hill, Thomas B. Wheeler

George H. Fan, Isaac Warren Hawkes, Timothy B. Hussey, Fran E. Jones, Harriette D. Collins, Mary J. Rogers, Rebecca N. Smith, Eli[illegible], P. Nichol, Sarah L. Buffington, Salome C. Wheeler, Margaret B. Coates, Lydia L. Sawyer, Mary G. Winslow, Mari N. Jones, S. Jane Cox and Ruth S. Murray.

Adjourned to 3 O'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth-day Afternoon, the 17th
The Meeting assembled according to adjournment.

45 The committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's accounts, etc, report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to audit and settle the Treasurer's accounts, etc, have attended to their appointment and report as follows, viz:

Treasurer's General Account.

Receipts

Balance from last year	2,395,91
Refunded by Indian Committee	1.74
From the several Quarterly Meetings *	3.943,00
" Eagle Bank, Providence, dividends	80,00
" sale of Books of Discipline	6,00
" Loan by New Bedford Institution for Savings	1,500,00
	$7,926,65

* Due from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, $57,00.

Payments

A. L. Cox Yearly Meeting expenses at Portland	$494,01
Associated Executive Indian Committee	340,00
Committee on Bible Schools	100,00
" " Foreign Missions	750,00
" " Freedmen	1,150,00
" " North Carolina Mission	400,00
" " Temperance	150,00
" to visit Friends in British Provinces	100,00
Printing	324,80
Recording Etc	79,37
[illegible]	30,75
Loan, to New Bedford Institution for Savings	1,500,00
Interest	35,30
Balance now in Treasurer's hands	2,472,12
	$7,926,65

Treasurer's account with the Boston Meeting House Fund.

Balance from last year	$100,00
Interest on Bonds	450,00
	$550,00
Paid for rent of Wesleyan Hall, Boston.	$350,00
Balance now in Treasurer's hands.	200,00
	$550,00

We find the expenditures properly vouched for.

We recommend that the sum of four thousand dollars ($4,000) be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and we nominate George Howland Jr, for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

For the Committee

Owen Dame.

Newport, Sixth Month 17th 1880.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of Four Thousand Dollars ($4,000) for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and George Howland, Jr., is appointed Treasurer; and Thomas Harkness, is appointed Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed.

46. The Committee on Finance Report as follows, Viz: To the Yearly Meeting.

We have carefully considered the various applications for appropriations, and recommend the following, Viz:

To Associated Executive Committee, Western Indians,	$425,00
" Bible Schools	100,00
" Foreign Missions	750,00
" Freedmen	1,300,00
" North Carolina Mission	400,00
" Temperance	150,00
" Aid to Friends in British Provinces	100,00
	$3,225,00

For the Committee

Owen Dame.

Newport, Sixth Month 16th 1880.

The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the

above appropriations are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting, for such sums as they may need in the prosecution of their various concerns, not exceeding the amount appropriated to each.

Standing Committee on Finance.

Rhode Island —	Samuel R. Ruffinton.	Smithfield	Richard Battey
Salem —	Owen Dame.	Vassalboro	Charles B. Cate
Sandwich —	George Howland, Jr.,	Dover,	Jacob K. Purinton
Falmouth —	Augustus P. Cox.	Fairfield	Levi Jones

47. The Committee on the subject of Peace, have presented their Annual Report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Joint Committee on the subject of Universal Peace, Report, that while very little of a public nature has been attempted in furtherance of the cause during the past year, we have not been unmindful of the trust committed to us.

One public Meeting was held at Windham, Maine, under the auspices of the Quarterly Meetings Committee on Peace, and the interest awakened upon the subject was supplemented by the circulation of tracts and books inculcating peace principles, and, as way has opened for it in different Neighborhoods, this kind of reading has been circulated.

Notwithstanding the discouragements which so often attend the patient laborer in this important though often unpopular field, the cheering fact remains, that no ear is so readily gained, no understanding is so often convinced, as that of the thoughtful, the reflective, and the intelligent, — the mind which, after all, goes farthest to mould the solid, the abiding, and conscientious sentiment of the community.

The day is coming — and in this we may find encouragement — that the Prince of Peace shall be crowned the victor in this holy warfare. Happy will it be with us if we, as faithful soldiers in the ranks, have hastened the conquest, and shall then be privileged to swell the shout of triumph.

The sum of $38.88 remains in the hands of the Committee for this cause.

On behalf of the Committee

Eli Jones

Rachel S. Howland.

Newport, Sixth Month 17th 1880.

The Report is satisfactory and accepted by the Meeting. The Committee, now under appointment is continued on this very important concern of the Yearly Meeting, and we desire their encouragement.

Committee on Peace.

Eli Jones	Susan S. Thompson,
Timothy B. Hussey,	Gertrude W. Cartland,
Charles C. Varney,	S. Narsina Jacob,
Samuel R. Buffington,	Rachel S. Howland,
George Richardson,	Abby S. Battey.
Henry T. Wood,	Joseph N. Atwater.
J. William Jacob.	George Hussey Gifford.

48. The Committee appointed at a previous session, in reference to the request from Salem Monthly Meeting, referred to this Meeting from the Representative Meeting, presented the following Report, Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

Your Committee to take into consideration the proposition from Salem Monthly Meeting, presented to this through the Representative Meeting, make the following Report, with which all present are united.

A Minute, simply of sojourn, is merely an introduction to the Meeting to which it is addressed, and entitles the person presenting it to the courtesies due a visitor, but confers none of the rights of Membership.

On behalf of the Committee.

Benjamin T. Knowles.

Newport 6th Mo 17th 1880.

The Report is satisfactory and adopted by this Meeting, Women Friends concurring.

49. Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas, and a Joint-Epistle to the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Brumana, Mt. Lebanon, have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this

Meting, and cause them to be countersigned by one of our Correspondents, and forwarded to those Meetings, respectively.

50. The Committee now under appointment, is directed to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious Meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also, to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, who now are or may then be under appointment, viz:

Eli Jones	Augustus F. Cox
Samuel R. Buffinton	Jacob K. Purinton
Henry T. Wood	George Douglass.

51. The following Returning Minute on behalf of our friend William A. Symmes, has been read and approved and similar ones for our friends Deborah C. Thomas, Wm P. Hastings, Joseph Stanley, David B. Updegraff, Elizabeth L. Comstock, John Carey, John P. Pennington, Luke Woodard and John Henry Douglass, viz: Our beloved friend William A. Symmes, acceptably attended this Meeting.

His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

52. The following Returning Minute on behalf of our friend Margaret H. White, and a similar ones for Elvina T. Woodard, has been read and approved, viz:

Our beloved friend Margaret H. White, acceptably attended this Meeting.

53. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed; and the Clerks are directed to cause an edition of two thousand copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings, in their usual proportions, and Owen Dame is appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

54 Having been favored to transact the various important concerns of the Church that have come before us, in harmony and love, and desiring, with humble thankfulness, to commemorate the continued care and tender mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Holy Head, in that he has been pleased, as we re-

rently believe, to own us from sitting to sitting during the whole course of this Yearly Meeting, we now solemnly conclude, proposing to meet again at Portland, Maine, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William C. Newhall
Clerk

Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, Sixth Month 1880.

To London.

Dear Friends.

Your loving Epistle has been received, and read to our comfort. Clear in doctrine Eminently practical in suggestion, and expressive of your true christian love for us, we were comforted by its words.

Your reference to the Holy Scriptures as a strong hold in every conflict with the powers of darkness which assail the Church, find a response in our hearts. Waves of separation and billows of discord have assailed our Society in the past, but trusting in our living, risen and pitying Savior, to whom the Holy Spirit has led us through the Sacred page, we have by his sustaining Grace, weathered the storms and tempests of the past, our faith anchored on Christ, alone, the unshaken Rock of Ages, our Everlasting Strength.

At no Yearly Meeting during our memory has His goodness and power been more sensibly felt, cementing us in love, and unity of spirit and purpose. We are truly thankful for your words of cheer and counsel in reference to the youthful company at Providence School, your expressions of loving sympathy, and timely words shall be laid before them, with fervent prayer, that making the same early choice as the departed and beloved servant of God, to whose testimony you cite us, with [illegible] early laid at their Redeemers feet and lives dedicated to His service, their final message to the Church and world, like his may be, "Tell them I am on the Rock.

We gladly welcome again our friends, Sarah B. Satterthwaite, and Mary White, with credentials from you, and bearing to our shores once more the Gospel of our Lord.

A loving Epistle from Benmana Monthly Meeting and their cheering official reports cause us to turn heaven-ward with thanksgiving at the abundant proofs that our labor there has not been in vain in the Lord. We rejoice to be able to offer you tangible evidence of our interest in the Mt. Lebanon Mission, in the response made at this Yearly Meeting for voluntary contributions towards the proposed Girls' training home — a sum exceeding one thousand dollars was promptly and cheerfully collected.

An earnest exercise has pervaded this Yearly Meeting to ascertain what causes hinder our being the gathering Church which God destined us to be. Various sources of weakness were investigated, amongst the most prominent, the need of lives dedicated in loving service to the Lord Jesus Christ. Many have felt their deficiency in this primary preparation for usefulness in their Redeemer's service, have confessed their position, and yielded at this time with cheerfulness to his "Easy Yoke" of loving service.

A sum of nearly one thousand dollars was raised by voluntary contributions during this Yearly Meeting, to aid evangelistic service within our limits, and the devoted band of laborers have received abundant proof that the heart of New England Yearly Meeting is with them in sympathy and her hand open to sustain them in the proclamation of the Gospel of Him, whose love and power, binds up the broken hearted, breaks every yoke, and lets the oppressed go free!

We desire your earnest intercessory prayer on our behalf, that the efforts we are thus putting forth may be blessed of the Lord, and that Zion may realize that the time to favor her has come, and put on strength in the name of the Lord.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall

Clerk.

To Ireland.

Dear friends.

Your acceptable Epistle of the Fourth Month last was received and has been read in this Meeting to our satisfaction, and we have been comforted and strengthened by the Christian love and unity expressed by our brethren of the different Yearly Meetings widely separated as they are in their outward circumstances, but bound together in fealty to one divine Lord and Master.

We have also been favored with the company of a number of dear friends sent among us on errands of Gospel love, whose presence and ministrations have warmed our hearts.

The Christian duty of a free surrender of all that we have, and all that we are, to the service of the dear Redeemer, has been pressed upon us, and we were encouraged cheerfully to submit ourselves to the cleansing operations of our blessed Lord; and the cry has been put up, "Lord revive thy work in the midst of the years; in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember Mercy."

We have had at this time satisfactory reports from Committees engaged in carrying out the Concern of the Meeting in relation to the Colored freedmen in North Carolina and Tennessee, also among the Indians, among whom we rejoice to learn that work of Christianization is progressing.

From the goodly Mountain of Lebanon comes also the sound of thanksgiving and praise to the Lord, and we rejoice in the progress of that work.

The call for aid for the establishment of a Training Home for Girls, met with a cordial response, and we trust a fund will soon be raised for that special object. We esteem it a privilege to unite with our friends in London in carrying out this Mission on which a blessing seems to rest.

Varied are the gifts our Heavenly Father bestows upon us, His children, varied is the service required, but to each and every one is given a place in the harvest-field.

May we all dear friends be faithful in following our Guide, "looking unto Jesus." A brother on one side may be called to one kind of service, another may labor in a

very different manner, but He who gives the commission will lead aright if the dependence is simply upon Him.

Let us then commit both the work and the workers unto His care, who will overrule all things to His own glory, and bring about His own purposes.

With the salutation of love we are your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William O. Newhall
Clerk

To New York
Dear friends of New York
Yearly Meeting.

As co-laborers in the work of our Lord and Master, and as fellow-travellers on the road to our Eternal Home, we salute you in the name of Christ our Savior.

Your loving Epistle with those from other Yearly Meetings has been read at this time, and we can say they come to us as words of cheer

Our Heavenly Father has blessed us in many ways during the past year, and, as we acknowledge His love and mercy so abundantly poured out upon us, we confess our lack of diligence in His service. But praise be to His Holy Name, He ever seeks to bless His children, and on His part there is nothing lacking.

Oh; that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

This Meeting has manifested an earnest interest in the work at Brumana on Mt. Lebanon, and in the appeal for the establishment at that Mission of a "Training Home for Girls".

Our hearts were touched as we [illegible] the deplorable condition in which so many of the people of that land yet remain, and as our responsibility in this field of labor seemed to come afresh before us, a deep-felt concern

also spread through the Meeting, that we might be more faithful in our home service to the Lord, and, in our several Meetings engage in more earnest labor for His cause, looking for a result, not only in accessions to our Society, but in births into the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The different subjects usually before us, have all claimed our earnest consideration, and as the Reports of the Committees have been read, while we have had cause for rejoicing that so much good has been accomplished, we recognise the need of our faithful continuance at the posts of Christian duty, for the Enemy of our souls salvation hovers about our camps, not always like a roaring lion, but too often in the incidious and deceptive garb so attractive to the Young and to those of whatever age, who are not clothed in the armor of God.

Brothers in Christ; may it be our highest, our holiest aim, to exalt and glorify the name of the Blessed Lamb of Calvary, who suffered on the cross for <u>us</u>, that we through faith in His name might be enabled to sit among the redeemed in glory, and inherit the Choice blessings prepared for those who put their trust in Him.
We bid you a loving farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William C. Newhall
Clerk.

To Baltimore.

Dear friends.

Permitted through the blessing of God to meet again as a Yearly Meeting: and to receive Epistles of greeting from our brethren; our hearts rejoice in the communion that the redeemed Children of our Father in Heaven are privileged to know - with Him who is the giver of all our blessings, in whom by the spirit of adoption we live, move, and have our being.

Partakers as we are by faith of the benefits of the great atonement - drinking daily at the same fountain; fed from the same divine Hand - clothed alike with the garments of His salvation; joyfully can we exclaim - "One is our Master even

Christ and all we are brethren". Our hearts were cheered by the information in your Epistle that there are many Evidences of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon your members, and of an increase of religious interest in your small and isolated Meetings. May this good work go on until in your Experience shall be realized a fulfilment of the prophetic language: "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose". We thankfully acknowledge that the several sittings of this Yearly Meeting have been in an unusual degree seasons of Divine favor. The attendance has been large, and many of our younger members evince a deep interest in the work of the Church.

A goodly number of the Lord's servants from other Yearly Meetings has been with us, and their clear and powerful presentation of Gospel truth, and practical teaching have been blessed to many.

Unworthy as we are of the favor of our God, His love has been clearly manifested toward us as we have mingled together, and the call has gone forth through His servants, "Who will this day consecrate himself to the service of the Lord". Many hearts have responded, "Thine are we, Oh, blessed Jesus, and on thy side thou son of God".

Interesting and encouraging Reports have been received from the Committees having in charge the various concerns of this Yearly Meeting and we have been encouraged to press forward in these branches of Christian work. Especially have our sympathies been enlisted in the cause of Mission work; and we have felt more deeply than ever before, the truth of the language in the Epistle from our Friends in Brumana, "We cannot be engaged in a better work, in this poor world of ours, than in spreading abroad a Knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus". Not only is the work now in progress at Mt. Lebanon to be continued; but under the guidance as we believe, of our blessed Master, a liberal, voluntary contribution, was made towards

establishing a "Training Home for Girls," in the same locality.

May the members of our beloved Society more and more realise that the dear Savior's command to His infant Church is binding upon the Church to-day, "Go teach all nations".

While we are individually called to labor in the vineyard of our Lord, and the need of Divine help is often deeply felt; the promise of Jesus to His trusting followers remains true, "Lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world".

With the salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William Newhall
Clerk.

To North Carolina.

Dear friends.

Your very acceptable Epistle of 11th Month last, was received at this time and read, some of the pleasantest moments of our Meeting as in former years, have been those spent in reading these tokens of loving remembrance from our sister Yearly Meetings, it serves to keep bright the golden chain of love for each other, and we trust strengthens us in our Christian journey.

Seldom have we felt so much of the presence and power of the Lord with us in our Annual gathering, as at this time.

A number of the Lords ambassadors have been with us, and we can truly say they have not come with enticing words of mans wisdom, but rather have spoke to us in the demonstration of the spirit and of power, not only preaching repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ as the true starting point of every child of God but also the necessity of the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, that our hearts may be thoroughly cleansed and purified from all sin.

Our Meeting at this time has been baptized into a feeling of deep sympathy and love for some of our Meetings which are very small and in a somewhat discouraged condition, the feeling has been with us that the time had come when

something must be done for these. As we come to the Lord in this hour of great need, He has heard our cry and baptized many of his children afresh for his work.

As we entered upon examination of the state of Society, some deficiencies were found to exist, more especially in the non-attendance of our mid-week Meetings and the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures in our families, much loving counsel was given us in these respects. We cannot prize too highly God's gift of the Holy Scriptures to us, for in them we learn the way of life and salvation, the more we study them with the aid of the Holy Spirit, the deeper and richer truths we find, the better we understand God's will to us.

No duty so sweet nor place so sacred, as when we gather with our loved ones round the family altar, read a portion of God's written word, and then commend them and ourselves to the care of this loving Shepherd.

We have been encouraged by the Reports from our Foreign Mission Field in the Bible land as evidence is given that the Lord is blessing His own work, many more children are under the care of our Schools now than ever before. Several additions have been made to the membership of the Monthly Meeting of Friends on Mt. Lebanon.

Our work in the Temperance cause is still gaining ground, not only in reference to Alcoholic drinks but also to the use of tobacco.

Much interest is felt in the Bible School work, we look upon it as a nursery of the Church, one of the most important branches of Christian labor, a work in which not only the children, but all, old and young, may be profitably engaged in.

We are glad to learn that you purpose to hold your Yearly Meeting at Friendsville this year, and believe it will be a blessing to many of your members there; May the blessing of the Lord attend you in all your work and labor for Him. Pray for us dear friends.

And now unto Him who hath washed us from our sins in his own blood, and

made us Kings and Priests unto God, be all the glory forever: Amen.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall

Clerk

To Ohio.

Dear Friends

Conscious as we are at the present time, of the neglect of many duties which ought to have been performed in the Master's Vineyard, our Hearts are raised with thanksgiving and praise to our Heavenly Father, for His loving-kindness and tender Mercy, which has been over us since last we met as a Yearly Meeting, and although many to whom we have been wont to look for counsel and help, have been called from Earth to Heaven, we believe the Lord is leading through the fire that consumes the dross, and prepares for His service, others, who shall take the places now vacant.

In reading your acceptable Epistle of 9th Month last we were afresh reminded that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him, and our prayer is, That as He has been pleased to bless in the past, so may He continue to prosper and increase in the future, preserving you and us, from every course of action that would in the least degree tend to Mar His work.

We are especially encouraged by the company and labors of so many of the Lord's messengers with us at this time, which strengthens us in the faith that He will not forget His people.

In entering upon the consideration of the state of Society as set forth in the answers to the Queries, our souls were brought into deep humiliation, and the Master condescended to meet us, and bless abundantly by touching the hearts of many both old and young, making them feel the need of closer spiritual communion with Him, who alone is able to satisfy the longings of the hungry soul, and give the desire of the contrite heart.

Our Meetings for devotion have been seasons of comfort and strength to many burdened souls

and we believe that the fire that has been re-kindled in many hearts here, will continue to burn, to the Edifying of those who have not been with us at this time.

The Report of Home and Foreign Missions awakened an unusual degree of interest which found expression in liberal contributions for the support of the work.

From other Standing Committees the reports were acceptable and encouraging.

And now Brethren, farewell, be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, and the God of love, and peace shall be with you

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Indiana.

Dear friends

As dear Brethren in the fellowship of the Gospel of Christ we greet you.

It is with gratitude that we who have been spared of God are again permitted to meet in our annual assembly, and note the Lords tender dealings with us, in preparing us for the wonderful manifestation of His power amongst us.

We have been much blessed with the company, and services of the Lords servants, with trumpets that give no uncertain sound, but with special fitness to our need, to the comfort of many; and we trust to the blessing of all.

We can say with you that the hearts of Gods children are humbled in contemplation of the glorious relation which the Christian believer sustains toward Him. "If children of God, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together." Perhaps in no way, can we so well adorn our holy profession or be adorned ourselves, as by suffering with Christ for the bodies sake, which is the Church. And it seems that none can realise it, save those who have

come into the dispensation and ministration of the Holy Ghost, where the believer knows his relation with God, and that all that pertains to him is submerged in the presence of an indwelling Christ.

Our Committees on Education, Temperance, and Indian affairs, have made gratifying Reports. We are glad to be able to say that this year our heart and purse strings have been touched, and such expressions given of interest in the Lord's work in home and foreign Mission fields as never before, and we trust it will be followed with an abundant harvest to the glory of God.

Our Meeting has been well attended, though we miss many of our dear friends who have been gathered out of these associations during the past year, but we trust to those which are better within the veil. But, above all, our Meetings, both the Public Committee Meetings, and all our devotional Meetings have been seasons of great favor, and we have rejoiced together.

We think we realize something of the force of the Apostle words, as he said, "One is your Master even Christ, and all ye are brethren". As your Epistle of Christian greeting was read with others, we rejoiced in your present prosperity, and desire that you may walk in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost be multiplied." It is only in this that we can have individual prosperity and power, and this will be the sum of [illegible] prosperity and power.

This baptism of the Holy Ghost gives us, not only a freshness of experience, but the fulness of a divine theology, and imparts to the believer the everlasting certainty of the truth of God.

Such a position must give, not only great freedom, but, a burning love for souls, such as will manifest itself in self sacrifice of personal worldly joy, and comfort; willing to be misunderstood and misrepresented, and enables him to send out into the realms of formalism, a tide of holy joy which will melt into penitence the frozen sensibility of the sinner and Edify the Church of God.

Finally dear brethren, as greetings shall

come to you from other members of the family, and we are permitted to put our little message of friendly greeting on your table, we ask you to remember in prayer New England.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Western.

Dear friends.

In the love of Christ we greet you.

In acknowledging the reception at this time of your pledge of love and fellowship in the Gospel of Christ, we would join you in an expression of thankfulness to the great Head of the Church for the "time of refreshing" from His presence granted to you, and for His blessing upon the different departments of Christian work in your hands.

We note with especial interest your allusion to the attendance of a full proportion of your younger members, and their manifest earnestness in the work of the Church. To these we would address words of hopeful encouragement, and give utterance to our desire for their steadfastness in the truth, and our conviction that as members of a young Yearly Meeting, in a field continually developing new resources of power and influence, God is reserving for them a variety in privileges and opportunities, and a diversity in blessings, neither known or enjoyed by the Church of the past.

May the Gospel standard be their standard. May they fix holiness as the "Zero point" in their experience, and ever remember that all below this, excludes from heaven. "Without holiness no man shall see the Lord."

All questions that have come before us in the interest of Education, Home and Foreign Missions, Temperance, and Evangelical work, have been adjusted in much love and

and harmony; and the increased attention to these and other subjects manifested by our members, has inspired us with new zeal, fresh courage, and a stronger faith, as we enter upon our labors for another year.

Our condition numerically, as revealed by the Statistical Reports has brought us very low. In our humiliation we have called upon God. He has heard us. He has revived our confidence in the Apostolic methods of ingathering. He has shown us the necessity of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the consecration of ourselves to God and to His work, as a qualification either for adding to the flock or feeding it.

The Ministers with us from other Yearly Meetings have come to us, "in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ."

So great and so general has been our awakening to a sense of our need, and such has been the out-pouring of the Lords spirit upon us, that for our help and your confirmation, we note this occasion of our coming together, as a period from which to date the beginning of a great work for the upbuilding of the Church, and the glory of God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Iowa.

Dear friends.

In again assembling together in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, we are made to feel our entire dependence on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to realize more fully than ever before, the truth of those words "without me ye can do nothing", and also the truth of that expression of the Apostle "I can do all things, through Christ which strengthens me".

The reading of your acceptable Epistle of the Tenth Month last, together with those from other Yearly Meetings has awakened in our hearts a deep and lively interest in our distant friends, and a desire to salute you as

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Brethren Beloved in the Lord.

As we proceeded from sitting to sitting in this our Annual gathering, our Meetings have increased in power and interest, and the necessity of having known the baptism of the Holy Ghost and of fire being ably and forcibly expounded and dwelt upon, we were brought to realize that without this Essential experience, it was impossible to labor successfully in the Lords' vineyard, or to be the instruments in His blessed hand in bringing souls to Christ. Yes, dear friends we are renewedly convinced, that only a real, not a nominal Christian faith or profession will afford us availing support in times of trial—of deep sorrow—in the hour of death or at the day of judgment, the Apostle tells us "that the trial of your faith being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: whom having not seen ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith even the salvation of your souls."

And now we rejoice in believing, that as we advance in years and time is flying swiftly on, our interest in the welfare and growth of the Church all over the world, is increasing and that many here and there both within our own borders and without are giving in their names to serve their Creator, growing in grace and in a saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We have in attendance of our Meeting at this time our beloved Sisters Sarah B. Satterthwaite and Mary White from Great Britain and others from different—Yearly Meetings on this Continent, whose company and labors in the Ministry have been acceptable and edifying to us, and of some of them it may be said they are workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

The Report of the Committee having charge of our Boarding School at

Providence, has again given us a satisfactory and interesting account of their labors the past year; the spiritual improvement of the pupils continues and many no doubt have passed from "death unto life", through the influence of the Holy Spirit and the loving care and Christian labor bestowed upon them.

We are pleased to hear that Friends are waking up to the vast importance of a careful training of their children and that an increasing desire is manifest among us for a higher education and larger acquirement of knowledge.

The several Committees, having the care and oversight of our Mission in Syria, the promotion of education among our members and others in North Carolina and Tennessee, together with the work of civilization among the Indians, have given us favorable and encouraging reports of the result of their efforts during the past year.

And now in conclusion we would say, May all that we do, be done as unto the Lord, that God in all things may be glorified, through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

We are in love your affectionate brethren
Signed on behalf of the Meeting. William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Canada

Dear friends.

Assembled in our Annual gathering, we are comforted by tokens of regard and brotherly love from our friends of other Yearly Meetings, and although we have not received an Epistle from you at this time, we would offer you the salutation of love and express our earnest desire that He who binds all his devoted servants together in the fellowship of the Gospel, would enable us to feel that one is our Master even Christ.

We would gratefully acknowledge that on this occasion we have been favored with the crowning presence of our Holy Head, and received earnest and stirring appeals from many beloved friends from different parts of the

The Committees to whom were referred the interest-
and important concerns of this Meeting have
made encouraging and satisfactory Reports.

May we be renewedly stimulated to faith-
fulness in every good word and work.

The pressing need
for a Training Home for Girls on Mt. Lebanon has
claimed our attention, and liberal contributions
were voluntarily made to aid that desirable work
also for more effectually carrying forward Home
Missionary labor.

Our Meeting is well attended
and we rejoice in the evidence afforded that
many amongst our younger members, are under
the preparing hand of our Heavenly Father for
labor in His cause. May they both with us and
with you ever abide in humility and watch-
fulness before Him, and be strengthened to fill
their allotted places to the honor of His name.

We are not unmindful that
trials are yet the portion of the Church, and we
crave for ourselves and our brethren everywhere
a close walk with God, a single eye to him,
and loving obedience to his will. Thus shall
we indeed find that He is the Healer of breaches
and to our rejoicing, witness the truthfulness
of the declaration, "When The Lord shall bring
again the captivity of Zion, Jacob shall rejoice
and Israel shall be glad."

Brethren, farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Kansas.

Dear friends.

The mercies of our Heavenly Father are
realised at this time in sending a goodly Num-
ber of His faithful servants to interest and
encourage us in the work of His Kingdom.

The Committees having in charge the
various Missionary enterprises of this Meeting,
have presented interesting Reports, that called

faith wise and encouraging counsel not to relax in these fruit-bearing services.

The appeal from Mt. Lebanon for means to put up a building in which to open a Training Home for Girls, where they may be taught things useful, was feelingly responded to by a voluntary contribution of about one thousand dollars.

Our Meeting also entered warmly into the subject of Home Mission work, for which we have had, for a few years past, a Committee, and in a similar manner contributions were made amounting to little over nine hundred and seventy dollars, for all of which much thankfulness was felt and expressed.

A collection was made to help the suffering refugees for whom we have much sympathy, and we also sympathize with you for having to witness their sorrowful condition without being able to furnish all the relief sincerely desired.

Our work on Mount Lebanon prospers, and is a moral power for good felt and acknowledged by some of the leading men of the place. Twenty seven now belong to our society, a number having united with it during the past year.

The promising results of our schools in North Carolina and Tennessee, encourage us to continue cheerfully our fostering care. The school at Maryville, for teaching the oppressed colored man, that he may be a good and respectable citizen, is increasing in its usefulness and widening in its influence; for all of these encouraging features may we be truly thankful to Him who came to seek and to save that which was lost.

In the various sittings of our Meetings the business has been transacted in the love that comes from the Father to the faithful believer in His son, by whom many precious promises have been given and confirmed in our experience.

Some of you by settling in a new country, may be deprived of many home comforts, but by seeking the Kingdom of Heaven, not only first in time, but also first in importance, you may have the blessed experience of knowing all

your wants supplied.

In brotherly love we bid you farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.
William C. Newhall
Clerk.

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Rumana
Mount Lebanon.

Dear friends.

In the love of Jesus we salute you feeling that though the ocean rolls between us, you with us are alike the objects of His tender care, bound in obedience to His loving will, and hoping to meet Him and each other in the heavenly Home when the life-work is over.

We have rejoiced as we have heard of the Lord's work among you, how the storms of persecution have in good measure subsided and you have now such a place in the hearts of the people. May He who has made the way for you enable you to walk in it, trusting in His guiding and sustaining care at every step, and enabling you to glorify Him and win many souls to Christ.

The spiritual darkness is indeed great in the land around you, but He, who, without the gate of Jerusalem, was lifted up to draw all men unto Him, is now in His risen and glorified estate, as the Sun of Righteousness able to dispel the darkest clouds of ignorance and superstition.

We have been especially interested in the Appeal sent to us on behalf of the "Training Home for Girls." As we have considered the advantages of women's position here in a Christian land, among happy Christian homes, where she is esteemed and honored, we have felt that we owed a debt to our less favored sisters, and that the Lord was now calling upon us to meet this responsibility.

We have given of the means which He has entrusted to our care, and we earnestly pray that He may so open the hearts of others that ere long the girls upon Mount Lebanon may have the same advantages as their brothers

have had. May the Lord cause that the work may greatly glorify Him.

As we have sat in our Yearly Meeting, a large company of Men and Women Friends, we have thought of the little band on Mount Lebanon with much sympathy. May He who has promised to be with the two or three gathered in His name, richly bless your souls as you assemble together.

To His love we commend you and remain your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William O. Newhall } Clerks

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Minutes 1881

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Portland, Maine, commencing on Seventh-day Sixth Month 11th 1881.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, Viz:—

From Rhode Island — Benjamin F. Knowles, Obadiah Chace, Samuel R. Buffinton, Allen Jay, Thomas B. Buffum, Daniel Meader, Charles D. Kenyon, Charles A. Chace, William T. Collins and Joseph E. Macomber.

From Salem — Moses F. Rogers, John Paige, Thomas Folsom, Joseph Haines, Gilbert C. Hoag, Owen Dame, Moses Huntington, William O. Newhall, Daniel Beede, Charles H. Thorndike, Peter M. Neal, Joseph Cartland, James P. Boyce and Olney T. Meader.

From Sandwich — William C. Taber, Stephen R. Wing, George Howland, Jr., David Kelley, Edward G. Dillingham, Gideon Gifford, Moses Smith, Nathaniel Howland, Isaac R. Potter, Joseph R. Wing, William P. Macomber and William Thompson

From Falmouth — Samuel Jones, George Douglass, Elijah Cook, Ezekiel Varney, Jr., Freeman Andrews, Augustus F. Cox, John J. Frye, Edward C. Jones, Daniel Jones, Silas H. Cartland, Isaiah N. Hacker, Nathan Pope, Calvin S. Goddard, James E. Goddard and Timothy Hanson

From Smithfield — Richard Battey, James O. Inman, Paul A. Randall and John B. Daniels.

From Vassalboro — Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Ebenezer Frye, Alfred H. Jones, Charles B. Cates, Hartwell D. Jenkins, John Frye, William H. Beale, Josiah Philbrook, John Gould and William Jacob.

From Dover — Jacob K. Purinton, Oliver Meader, Joseph H. Pratt, John B. Cartland, Tobias Meader, William P. Tuttle and Albert C. Buffum.

From Fairfield — Levi Jones, Henry Winslow, Joseph Taylor, Joseph E. Briggs, George Richardson, Jacob Pope, Moses Briggs and Isaac Winslow, —

whose names being called, whose names being called they were all present except ten, for the absence of

three of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

3. Having at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Mary S. Knowles from New York Yearly Meeting; Rufus P. King, William P. Hastings, Benjamin S. Coppock and Perrin Reynolds from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Edward C. Young, Joseph Stanley, S. Adelbert Wood, Elizabeth L. Comstock and Abigail B. Kelly from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Dougan Clark from Indiana Yearly Meeting; and William G. Johnson from Western Yearly Meeting; satisfactory testimonials have been presented and read, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements amongst us.

4. We have also the acceptable company of our friends, James Barton and his wife Celia A. Barton, from Ferrisburgh Monthly Meeting, Vermont; Philo C. Jewell, an Elder accompanying Mary S. Knowles; Julia A. Coppock, accompanying her husband Benjamin S. Coppock; Maria L. Young, accompanying her father Edward C. Young; Lydia Stanley, an Elder, accompanying her husband Joseph Stanley; Caroline D. Green, accompanying her mother, Elizabeth L. Comstock; and Emily J. Morris, an Elder, accompanying her father, William G. Johnson; satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings have been presented and read.

5. A minute signed by Maryville Monthly Meeting, Tenn., on behalf of Joseph Arbely, a member of the Greek Church, who accompanies Benjamin S. Coppock, has been read at this time. His company, as well as that of his son Naseef, is very acceptable and gratifying to us, and we bid them a cordial welcome.

6. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings with returning Minutes if way should open, is referred to the following named Friends, viz.:—George Howland, Jr., Charles B. Cates, John Paige, Allen Jay, Abel C. Monroe and William C. Taber.

7. Truly acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana have been received and read to our edification and encouragement; we have also received Epistles from Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings, and one from the Monthly Meeting of Brunnana on Mt.

Lebanon, the reading of which is deferred to our afternoon session. We appoint the following named Friends a Committee to prepare, as way may open, Essays of reply thereto, and present them at a future sitting, Viz.:- Benjamin F. Knowles, John Paige, George Richardson, William P. Macomber, Charles M. Jones, Allen Jay, Henry J. Wood, Alfred H. Jones, Daniel Beede, George Howland, Charles H. Thorndike, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Timothy B. Hunt, Peter M. Neal and Olney F. Meader.

8. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, Viz.:-

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that Elizabeth Meader, a Minister for upwards of 65 years, and a member of Providence Monthly Meeting, died 1st mo 23d 1881, aged 87 years, 9 mos and 23 days; and that it has united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Darius Buffinton and Charles A. Chace to the station of Elder. Greenwich Monthly Meeting has appointed Arthur F. Parker its correspondent; address, East Greenwich, R.I.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that Susan L. Brown, an Elder, and member of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, deceased 7th mo 19th 1880, aged 87 years, 11 months and 20 days.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Rebecca H. Smiley. Samuel Gifford, a Minister, and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, died 9th mo 16th 1880, aged 86 years, 3 mos and 27 days; and that Lydia Taber, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died 3d mo 28th, 1880, aged 89 years, 3 mos & 27 days.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that Joshua Douglass, a Minister, and member of Durham Monthly Meeting, died 1st mo 21st 1881, aged 86 years, 4 mos and 13 days; and that Abram Winslow, an Elder, and member of Lemington Monthly Meeting, deceased 3d mo 6th 1881, aged 82 years 5 mos and 26 days.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that Phebe S. Marsh, an Elder, and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, died 6th mo 10th 1880, aged 85 years and 11 months; Charles Hadwen, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died 2d mo 9th 1881, aged 84 years, 1 mo and 5 days; and that Anna Maria Crowley, an Elder, and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, died 11th mo 2d 1880, aged 74 years, 3

months and 15 days; also that it has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William Aldrich to the station of Elder.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public ministry of Zaccheus Goddard; Sarah N. Jenkins, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died 4th mo 23d. 1881, aged 77 years; and that Elizabeth T. Gilkey, an Elder, and member of Unity Monthly Meeting, died 10th mo 12th 1880, aged 88 years and 2 months: Alfred H. Jones has been appointed Correspondent of China Monthly Meeting; address, China, Maine.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that Paul Hoag, an Elder, and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, died 11th mo 18th 1880, aged 70 years 5 months and 24 days; and that Sarah O. Tuttle, an Elder and member of Dover Monthly Meeting, died 12th mo 9th 1880, aged 86 years and 8 mos.

9. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their proportions of stock called for last year.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.— Met pursuant to adjournment.

10. George Howland, Jr., on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William C. Newhall for Clerk, and Henry T. Wood and Timothy B. Hussey for Assistant Clerks; which nominations being severally approved, they are appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

11. Epistles from Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings and from Brumana Monthly Meeting were now read.

12. The following proposition from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting has been read, viz:—

"With the concurrence of the Women's Meeting, we are united in proposing for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting that our Discipline be so changed, that Overseers during their term of service shall be members with the Meeting of Ministers and Elders." After a time of consideration it was concluded to appoint a nominating Committee to produce, at a future sitting, the names of Friends to whom the

above proposition, and the whole subject of the constitution of our Meeting of Ministers and Elders may be referred, and report their judgment thereon at our next Yearly Meeting, the Women's Meeting uniting, viz: Samuel R. Buffinton, Allen Jay, Daniel Beede, Thomas Folson, George Howland, Jr., David K. Atkin, George Douglass, Charles C. Varney, Richard Batley, Abel C. Monroe, Josiah Phillbrook, Charles B. Cates, Jacob K. Purinton, Albert C. Buffum, Charles M. Jones and Joseph E. Briggs.

13. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence have presented their Annual Report, which having been read is satisfactory, and adopted by the Meeting. During the consideration of the Report very interesting remarks were made by several Friends, recommending the Institution and its interests to the increased and continued care and support of this Yearly Meeting, and the arduous labors of the Committee are appreciated by this Meeting. We appoint Benjamin F. Knowles, William T. Collins, Charles H. Thorndike, James P. Boyce, David Kelley, William Thompson, Samuel Jones, J. Hacker Hall, Abel C. Monroe, William Aldrich, Thomas B. Nichols, William H. Beale, Albert C. Buffum, Ira J. Jenkins, Joseph Taylor and Charles M. Jones, to unite with a Similar Committee of Women Friends, to propose at a future sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to whom the care and interests of the Institution may be committed the coming year. The Report is as follows, Viz.:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

In presenting their Annual Report the School Committee repeat what they have said again and again, that, during the past year, the School has gone on very much to their satisfaction; the religious feeling to which we have referred with so much interest in several of our reports continues to increase, and is, we believe, under the Divine hand in its influence and results, not only a blessing to those immediately participating in the service, but is also a powerful means of good in all departments of the institution.

The average number of scholars for the year has been, for the Autumn Term, 89 Boys and

83 girls; and for the Spring Term, 74 boys and 79 girls. For the first few months after the opening of the School in Ninth Month, the health of the family was as good as usual; but the prevalence of Measles during Second and Third Months interfered with the regular attendance of the Scholars, and with their progress in study, while it drew heavily upon the sympathy and added greatly to the labors of the Principal. Since that time the standard of health has been uniformly good.

There have been four deaths at the Institution during the Spring Term, two of them being pupils, viz: Winslow J. Evans, son of Thomas H. Evans, of Rochester, N.H. who died of measles Second Month 22nd., in his nineteenth year; and Sarah Isabella Parker, daughter of Joseph R. Parker, of Belvidere, N.C. who died of inflamation of the bowels, Third Month 31st., aged 17 years.

Harriet Chace, of Prudence Island, R.I. who came to nurse her son, Halsey Chace, during the illness of the latter with Measles, in her untiring devotion and tender solicitude for his welfare, was seized with pneumonia, and died after a short illness. The fourth case was that of S. Elma Gifford, wife of one of the teachers—Seth K. Gifford—who died apparently of disease of the stomach, (about an hour subsequent to the decease of Isabella Parker,) aged 26 years.

The funeral solemnities which followed were occasions of deep, and, we believe, of abiding interest, and the mingled feelings of regret for the loss of those to whom teachers and pupils had been much endeared, the tender sympathy for the bereaved, and the sweet consciousness that to the dear departed the summons had not found them unprepared, of which they were favored to give abundant testimony, have left impressions which will, we trust, be long remembered.

The Principal, in his communication to us narrating the foregoing facts, uses this language:—"It was something to be remembered by every officer and student during life, that at that sad hour" (the time of the funeral solemnities of S. Isabella Parker and S. Elma Gifford) "the lifeless forms of two of the most beautiful and gifted daughters of the Institution lay within her walls."

He closes his communication with the following expression:—I deem it proper to say that notwithstanding this—I believe unprecedented number of deaths in one term—that nothing can be traced to any unhealthy source in the Institution. We have also to report the decease of one of

our own number during the year – Ann Maria Coffin, of Lynn. Her long familiarity with the School and its needs, her deep interest in its welfare, particularly its household comforts and and improvements, made her a valuable helper to the Committee, and increases our estimate of the loss we sustained in her removal.

Since our last report, the Committee has authorized the erection of a three story brick structure, in the angle, at the junction of the old building with Alumni Hall, to be appropriated to the greater accommodation and comfort of the occupants of the East wing, in which we have on the lower floor a very desirable room for the use of the library and connected therewith; and on the 2nd and 3d floors, bath rooms and water-closets; and also, by some changes in the old part, seven very desirable lodging rooms have been arranged, and a room available for storage purposes.

By this improvement we shall be enabled to remove the unsightly and objectionable old buildings in the rear of the East wing, and also to abate a great nuisance of long standing, and, as we regard it, to greatly improve the sanitary condition of the premises.

Increased facilities for the better protection of the school buildings from fire, by the erection of hydrants to be connected with the City Water Works, have been provided, in compliance with the suggestions of the insurance companies with whom the property is insured, and also by the recommendation of the Fire Department of the City.

At our meeting, Second Month 1st, we were informed, by a communication from the Principal, that Sarah Slade had given to the School one thousand dollars, to be expended for books, and five hundred dollars for apparatus; and that Timothy K. Earle had given five hundred dollars for the library. By direction, the Clerk has acknowledged the gratitude and thankfulness of the Committee to the donors of these timely gifts for their valuable contributions.

The following list contains the names of the Officers of Government and Instruction, for the year which will close on the 21st proximo:—

Augustine Jones, A. M., Principal.
John W. Freese, A. M., Governor, and English Studies (Autumn Term
Walter S. Meader, A.B., " " " " (Spring Term
Susan L. Moore, Governess, and English Studies
Thomas J. Battey, A.B., Natural Sciences.

John M. Potter, A. M., Higher Mathematics.
Seth K. Gifford, A. M., Greek and Latin.
Henry Wood, Ph. D. English Literature and German.
Walter S. Meader, A. B., Assistant-Governa, (Autumn Term.)
John K. Gifford, A. B., Assistant-Governa, (Spring Term.)
Harold C. Childs, A. B., Natural Sciences, (Spring Term).
Bessie T. Wing, French. History and Literature.
Mary Amy Collins, English Studies.
Mary E. Holder, Reading and Elocution.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and painting
Mary P. Rawson, Vocal Culture.
Allen Jay, Secretary and Book Keeper.

The Treasurer of the School Fund that he has received as

Income from the General Fund	$6.263.24	
" " Funds in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting	309.36.	
From returned insurance premiums.	418.00	$6.990.60

Payments.

Paid insurance premiums	$553.73.	
" Augustine Jones, Principal as per receipts	6.436 87	
		$6.990.60

Charitable Fund

Balance on hand last year,	$1.124.58.	
Income,	2.376.98	$3.501.56

Payments.

School bills paid,	$2.500.00.	
Balance on hand,	1.001.56	$3501.56

The Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting reports that he has received, including

Balance on hand last year	$486.92.	
From Coupons on Bonds	281.25	
" Dividend, Savings Bank,	28.11	
" proceeds of sale of three U. S. Bonds	3.341.25	$4,137.53

Paid

Thomas Harkness, Treasurer of School Fund	$309.36.
Augustine Jones by order of Committee,	3.786.92

Amount brot over	$4,096.28.
Two small bills (printing and record book).	3.90.
Balance to new account	37.35.
	$4,137.53

The accounts of the Principal show the following items of receipt and expenditure— Receipts.

Income from board and tuition	$33.976.45.
Rec'd from Thomas Harkness, Treas of Gen'l Fund	6.436.87
" " George Howland, Jr., " " the Yly Mtg, from funds belonging to School, on account of improvements and addition.	3.786.92
Received from profit for year 1880.	517.17.
	$44.717.41.

Expenditures.

Salaries of teachers and officers	$12.310.00.
Provisions	10.773.43.
Wages paid labor and servants hire	5.721.23.
Cost of addition, including heating apparatus, Bath rooms, water closets, 7 additional lodging rooms and library room	5.501.05.
Repairs and replacements	2.973.71.
Fuel	1,566.93.
Light	807.88.
Water	325.10.
Library and periodicals	300.69.
Incidentals, including medicines and postage	225.00.
Cost of water pipe connection on Lloyd Street	57.0.
City Tax on School propert for 1880	2.759.40.
Balance remaining to meet expenses to close of the year	1 447.29.
	$44.717.41.

The Committee do not propose any change in the rates to be charged for admission to the School the coming year. The rates last year were:—

For members of our Yearly Meeting	$125.00.
" " " other " Meetings, or when one or both parents are members are members of this Yly Mtg	225.00.
For all others who may be admitted	300.00.

One half payable at the commencement of the year, and One half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars, each, to be made for one years instruction in Fren

Latin, French, German or Drawing.

In conclusion, we may remark with confidence, mingled with feelings of gratitude, that perhaps at no time in the history of this Institution could it be more safely commended to the patronage and interest of Friends, and we desire that its extended provisions for the physical comfort of the inmates, its educational advantages, its moral tone, and even its religious interests may be largely shared by the youth of our Society.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee

George Howland, Jr., Clerk.

Boarding School. Providence, 5th Mo 31st 1881.

Note.— The Autumn Term begins, 9th Mo 7th 1881, and closes 3d Mo 29th 1882. The Spring Term begins 4th Mo 5th 1882, and closes 6th Mo 20th 1882.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the Meeting of the Committee on the 2nd of 8th Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference to all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, Augustine Jones, Friends Boarding School Providence, R. I.

14. We appoint Obadiah Chace, John Thorndike, Stephen R. Wing, Silas H. Eastland, John B. Daniels, Hartwell A. Jenkins, Albert C. Buffum and Isaac Winslow, a Committee to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and present it at our next sitting.

15. We appoint Charles A. Chace, Daniel C. Maxfield, Gideon Wood, George Douglass, Paul A. Randall, Charles B. Cates, William P. Tuttle and Henry Winslow, a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of money to be raised sufficient to defray the Expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer

also one for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

Adjourned to Second-day Morning, the 13th.

Second-day Morning, the 13th.— The Meeting again assembled.

16. The following statistical information has been received from our several Quarterly Meetings, Viz.:—

	Number Reported last Year	Gain in last year not reported	Births	Deaths	Moved in	Moved out	Admitted	Released	Gain	Loss	Present Number
Rhode Island	717	2	1	22	6	17	14	8		17	700
Salem	678		8	11	7	5	3	9		7	671
Sandwich	747		2	19	15	10	9	1		4	743
Falmouth	581	2	7	4	8	3	24	3	31		612
Smithfield	428	1	2	13	2		6			2	426
Yarmouth	502		1	9	1	3	2	2		10	492
Dover	317		3	13		4	2	3		15	302
Fairfield	453		2	6	4	4	8	4			453
Total	4423	5	26	97	43	46	68	30	31	55	4399
" Loss										24	

17. The Meeting now entered upon a consideration of the State of Society as presented by the Answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings; and proceeded therein to the fourth, inclusive.
The Meeting then adjourned.

Afternoon.— Assembled pursuant to adjournment.

18. The consideration of the State of Society was resumed and concluded.

The deficiencies reported, in the attendance of Meetings particularly those held in the middle of the week, brought out the searching questions,— "What is the remedy?" "How can a more lively interest be awakened in our Meetings, especially those where such failings are noticed?"

To these questions many replies were given by the ambassadors of the Lord Jesus, who have come amongst us, and who, we believe, are engaged to seek best wisdom, to counsel us aright. The impor-

teaching of the tree and its fruit was presented. What is the condition of the tree? Upon its soundness depends the quality of the fruit. "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."

Our mid-week meetings must be of the right kind, for such only will call together those who are remiss in the improvement of the privileges which the Head of the Church is ready to confer upon all who assemble themselves together to wait upon Him.

The question is an important one, whether those who attend them regularly are faithful therein, and earnestly engaged themselves to draw near to God in spirit, and thus be in the way of usefulness to those present who may not be so deeply exercised. If we are careful in this, as in all things, to yield ourselves unto God; as those who are alive from the dead, we are in a way to receive the spiritual good which we so much need, and are also ready to be made in His hands means of good to others.

We are not to say what our service shall be, but enter the presence of God with submission, and pray Him to use us to His glory.

We were also most impressively reminded of a need of a revival of religion throughout our borders, and were asked if we desired it. Are we truly willing to pay the cost? Are we ready to surrender preconceived opinions, and to allow our gifts, of whatever nature, to be employed in accordance with the Divine will? Such surrender, it is believed, God will honor with a revival of His work amongst our membership, an ingathering of souls into His fold, and the rekindling of such life in all our meetings, that the deficiencies which are now a cause of mourning will no longer exist.

The importance of maintaining our views of the Gospel of Christ, in relation to oaths and to war, was forcibly presented, and we were reminded that a violation of the principles which we profess in these respects, is disobedience to the commands of Him whom we claim to love.

19. With respect to the use of intoxicating liquors by our members, it is cause of regret that the Answers to the Queries are not more definite and explicit. The number who are still addicted to the practice is, we believe, very small,

and, we trust, decreasing. We are, however, engaged to press the subject renewedly upon the care and christian attention of Friends in their respective neighborhoods, until in the language of the beloved Apostle, it may be said, "Yea in all things ye have proved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

Our subordinate meetings are required in future to report the number of delinquents as far as it can be ascertained.

Summary of answers to the Queries.

Answer 1st.— All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, with the exception of a few small meetings for worship. On First-day they are attended by Friends generally; they are much neglected in the middle of the week by some of our members. The hour nearly observed; unbecoming behavior avoided with little exception.

Ans 2nd.- Love and unity are in a good degree maintained and detraction generally guarded against; when differences arise, endeavors are used to end them.

Ans 3d. With a few exceptions, Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and endeavor by example and precept to train their children and others under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

Ans 4th.— We believe that most Friends read the Holy Scriptures individually and collectively in their families, and encourage those under their care in the practice of this religious duty.

Ans 5th— With few exceptions, Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; not quite clear as to amusements and diversions.

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Ans 6th. The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved; care is taken to educate their children.

Ans 7th. Not quite clear in a faithful maintenance of our testimony against Military Matters and oaths; we hear no complaint of defrauding the public revenue.

Ans 8th. With a few exceptions, in which some care is

been extended, Friends are careful in these respects.
Ans 9th. Our records are attended to. A few removals without certificates, most of which are under notice.

Ans 10th. Friends are engaged to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness and impartiality, and endeavor to bestow timely care; judgment has been placed according to discipline with the exception of one Monthly Meeting, which acknowledges it is not in condition to administer discipline or place judgment, as queried after.

20. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, Viz.:-

The Queries were read in this Meeting, with Answers thereto from our several Quarterly Meetings, a summary of which the Clerk was directed to lay before the Yearly Meeting, with the accompanying Minute.

Answer 1st. Ministers and Elders are, with a little exception, diligent in attending their Meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of their families.

Answer 2nd. The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are in most instances clean and blameless among men. We believe they are in unity one with another, and with the Meeting to which they belong, harmoniously laboring together for the honor of Truth, with little exception.

Answer 3d. With little exception in one Meeting, they endeavor to rule their own houses well, and by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our Christian profession.

Answer 4th. They are in a good degree preserved in love, and are engaged to administer encouragement and counsel as occasion may require in reference to ministry or conduct.

Minute

During the consideration of the state of this portion of Society, as brought before us by the reading of the Queries and their Answers, a sweet feeling of the presence of the Lord was granted unto us.

A deep and lively interest prevailed, and much pertinent encouragement and instruction was given by exercised Friends of our own and other Yearly Meetings.

It was felt that we should be a more healthy and efficient body, were all our members to make a careful examination of themselves, and live up to the spirit as well as the letter of these Queries.

We were reminded of the danger of being general rather than definite in laboring for the ingathering of souls. Definite work, accomplishing definite results, is what we need. As we cannot make the journey of human life but once, we should be careful to make no mistake and no delay in laboring for the conversion of sinners.

The Church needs, to-day, more than anything else, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Get first the gift of the Holy Spirit, by whom the believers are washed and sanctified.

Forcibly were we reminded that there are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit. "He that ascended on high gave some, apostles; and some prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

The excellence of these gifts to the Church was clearly set forth, and all were exhorted to mind their own gifts rather than covet the gifts of others, asking not, "what shall this man do?" but rather heed the injunction, "What is that to thee? follow thou Me."

Alfred H. Jones Clerk

21. By the following communication from our Treasurer, with the accompanying letter of Azariah S. Tripp Executor to the will of his brother, the late Philip J. Tripp, we are informed that the latter bequeathed to this Meeting the sum of $2000, in aid of the Boarding School at Providence, with the design of founding a scholarship in that Institution. This Meeting grate-

accept the bequest, and appreciates the thoughtful consideration of the testator for the School, and also for the class of persons for whom the endowment was intended. Our Treasurer is directed, in connection with the Treasurer of the School Fund, to invest the amount thus received, the security to be held by the Treasurer of the School Fund, as a distinct trust — the latter to pay the income arising from the trust to the School Committee, to be disbursed in accordance with the stipulations of the will.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In the 12th Month last, I received from Akaniah S. Tripp, of Fall River, the accompanying communication, which I present to the Yearly Meeting for its information, and for direction as to the disposition of the funds therein referred to.

As requested by the writer I, as Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting acknowledged the reception of the communication, and also the receipt of the money, which I immediately placed on deposit in the New Bedford Five cents Savings Bank, in my name as Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, for the benefit of the Boarding School at Providence, where it now is.

The information contained in the letter of A. S. Tripp was given to the School Committee at their next Meeting after I received it, and also the disposition that was made of the Money.

George Howland, Jr., Treas. N.E.Y. Meeting.

Portland, 6th Mo 13th 1881.

New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Respected Friends,

In the last will and testament of my brother, the late Philip J. Tripp, of Fretown, Mass, a bequest is made for the benefit of Friends School at Providence, which is expressed, in the testators own hand-writing, as follows:—

"I give and bequeath to the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, for the use of the Boarding School at Providence, the sum of two thousand dollars, the income to be yearly applied to the payment of the board and tuition of one scholar, either male or female, a

member of the Meeting in indigent circumstances and that may be selected by the Managers and Committee of said School as worthy to receive the said aid. No scholar to receive said aid more than four years. Should the income exceed the sum charged by the Managers, as the tuition and board of a member of the Meeting, any surplus shall be applied to the benefit of the Library of said School."

In payment of the bequest mentioned in the above extract from my brother's will, I enclose certified bank check for two Thousand Dollars.

Knowing the testators views, and desiring to execute his written will in accordance therewith, it seems to me right to express the hope that the Minute of the Meeting, accepting the bequest, will embody the language of the will, and will direct that the principal of the legacy be designated and known in the accounts and invested funds of the Society as, "The Philip J. Tripp Fund", or "The Philip J. Tripp Scholarship"

My brother cherished the principles of Friends, and held, through life, that the "Discipline", taught the true policy, as well as morality, of a worthy business career. Although never privileged to give the School at Providence much personal service, he always felt a warm interest in its success, and a grateful appreciation of what it did for him in the few months he attended it as a scholar. It will be a satisfaction to me to receive some official acknowledgement of the receipt of the legacy, and to know that my brother's good intentions were given a form and direction approved by Friends.

With sincere respect, your friend

A. S. Tripp.

Fall River 12th Mo 21st 1880.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'cl

Third-day Morning the 14th.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

22. The joint Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel Service have now presented a report of their labors during the past year. We are informed that Gener

Meetings have been held in Leyma, St. Albans, Windham, Danielsville, and New Bedford. Series of meetings were continued for a longer or shorter period as way seemed to open, at Newport, Hopkinton, and Portsmouth, R.I., at Smiths Neck, Allens Neck, Westport and Bolton, Mass, and in Portland, Me., Dover and Rochester, N.H., and in various other localities in Maine and New Hampshire. We feel encouraged by the evidence afforded of usefulness and blessing to the Church by this instrumentality, and it is instinctive to learn that in localities, where the earnest co-operation, the needed support, and the prayers of the visited, have followed, and even preceded the laborers, then the Church has been watered, and the blessing of the Lord of the harvest has been most realized, assuredly gathering that the dear Master designs to make this a means for the help and enlargement of the Church. We continue the same Committee for this work, with the substitution of Mary Alice Gifford in the place of Allen Jay, who is about to remove from our limits.

We confidently and tenderly commend them in this labor of love, to the support of the Church, to the co-operation of those among whom they may feel called to labor, and above all to the Lord, to whom we would reverently look for a blessing on the service.

"To the Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends,— We your Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel work, are thankful to be able to give a much more encouraging report than ever before since our first appointment to this important and responsible service.

Twenty one meetings have been held during the year, under the care of this Committee. Some of these were called "General Meetings," and others were designated "Series of Meetings," and were protracted for several days, or sometimes weeks. Some of these series have consisted of more than twenty meetings.

At all of the places where General or other series of meetings were held by the Committee, most or all of the families were visited, and much personal labor bestowed which seemed to be greatly blessed of the Lord. Those who attended the meetings were reminded that it was a matter of inestimable importance to them individually, whether they were saved or unsaved, and when the way of salvation was pointed out, many of those were ready to enter it. All of the meetings above mentioned were signally, we believe, owned by the Great Head of the Church. A revival among professors of religion

was manifest in each place, and, in several places, the Lord "added to the Church" such as we hint will continue to be faithful.

The work entrusted to this Committee has been much promoted by the assistance and co-labors of two or three Friends (Ministers) from other Yearly Meetings, among whom was our dear friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite, from England, who devoted a few days of her time just before returning home, to, as she said, "lift the latch", in order that others might enter in and labor.

One member of our Committee has devoted several Months entirely to the work, and several have spent a number of weeks in the field, laboring in various ways both private and public, for the upbuilding of the Church. We believe that nearly all the Meetings in each of the Quarters have been visited by one or more of our number. All the Quarterly and many of the Monthly Meetings have been attended, and in some Quarters most of the families and individual Members have been visited. In nearly every place there seems to be an openness to receive the Gospel in whatever way sent but there are places where there is some indifference to the importance of the work manifested; yet we believe that if the labor is continued by consecrated workers, trusting in the Lord for guidance, a rich blessing will yet be experienced.

Of the money raised by voluntary contribution at the time of our last Yearly Meeting, for the use of this Committee four hundred and ninety dollars have been expended for the promotion of the work, and we feel assured that much more has been done than could have been accomplished without this timely aid. A balance of Four hundred and Seventy four dollars remains in the hands of the Committee.

So much remains yet undone, and the fields so "white unto harvest," while the laborers are comparatively few, that we would recommend the appointment of a Committee to continue this work another year, and the prayer of our hearts is that those thus appointed may be able to present a "solid front" against the enemy of souls, and each one have his will consecrated in submission to the Lord's will.

In conclusion we would say, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory."

On behalf of the Committee,

Hannah J. Bailey, Secretary.

Portland, Me. 6th mo 11th 1881

Committee on General Meetings &c.

Eli Jones, Rebecca H. Smiley, Sarah W. Goddard, William Jacob, Harriett D. Collins, J. Warren Hawkes, Charles H. Jones, Susan T. Thompson, Harriet N. Jones, Anna L. Wood, James Cartland, Hannah J. Bailey, Charles B. Coates, William P. Macomber, Wm C. Newhall, Ruth S. Murray, Charles M. Jones, Hannah S. Wing, Levi Franklin Jones, S. Narcissa Jacob, Henry T. Wood and Mary Alice Gifford.

23. The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their encouraging Report, which has now been read. With thankfulness for what has been accomplished during the past year, and leaving the further consideration of the subject to our next session, we now adjourn to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.— Assembled pursuant to adjournment.

24. Our friend Eli Jones informed this Meeting that a delegation from the "Congregational Conference of the State of Maine", now in session in this city, was present. Henry T. Harding on behalf of this delegation presented resolutions of cordial greeting from that Conference, with a Christian salutation as brethren of the household of faith, viz.:—

Minute of Congregational Conference of Maine.

At the first session of the fifty-fifth Annual Meeting of the General Conference of the Congregational Churches in Maine, held in this city the following Minute was unanimously adopted:—

The General Conference of the Congregational Churches in Maine, assembled in Williston Church, Portland, Maine, sends cordial and fraternal greetings to the Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends also assembled in Portland.

We congratulate ourselves, Brethren and Sisters, that, though worshipping God in a different manner, we belong to the same great brotherhood as yourselves.

We rejoice in all the prosperity vouchsafed to you, and we pray for the blessing of Almighty God upon your present assembly, and upon all your efforts for the promotion of the common cause, dear to us all, of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Revs. F. E. Clark and Henry F. Harding were appointed a Committee to convey the salutation of this body to yours.

William E. Gould, Moderator.
E. F. Duren, Recording Sec'y.

Portland, June 14th 1881.

This Meeting lovingly responds to this kindly greeting of the Conference, and as children of the same Father in Heaven, as heirs together of the same inheritance, we offer our fervent prayers that the Conference and all it represents may be richly watered with the streams of salvation.

We have blessed you, Brethren, out of the house of the Lord.

We designate our friends Eli Jones and Harriette D. Collins to return to that Conference our Christian sympathy and regard, with a copy of this Minute signed by our Clerks on our behalf.

25. The subject of Foreign Missions which was introduced at our morning session again claimed our attention. With full hearts and grateful recognition, we acknowledge that the Lord has evidently blessed the work during the past year. The faithful labors of the Committee, the liberal contributions of our members towards the expense of the Mission, and also the kindly sympathy and large assistance rendered by Friends of other Yearly Meetings on this Continent, as well as from some not of our Society, meet our warm gratitude.

We again commend this interesting concern to the support and countenance of Friends, and are encouraged in the reflection, that as we in sincerity and the love of Christ are drawn to raise these poor people in the scale of civilization and Christianity, the more shall we turn in loving concern for the welfare of those needing the same help at home, and these efforts return in redoubled efficacy to raise our own souls into our dear Savior's favor and blessing.

With faith and confidence we again intrust this Concern to the same Committee, with the substitution of Huldah Leighton in the place of our late dear friend Ann Maria Coffin.

The request for an appropriation contained in the report is referred to the Committee on Finance. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees, to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

In presenting to the Yearly Meeting the Report of this years work at the Brumana Mission, the Committee can but say, "What hath God wrought"— for it is evident that the work was His, and He has protected and provided for it.

The regular Mission work, in the prosecution of which, Friends in both Old and New England are associated, has been carried on as usual, and accounts sent to us of its progress. From these we learn that the Training Home now contains 31 boarders and 2 day scholars. Eight new scholars have been received this year. They are making good progress in their lessons and in their knowledge of the Bible. The practical part of Christian duty is impressed upon them, with an earnest desire that the Holy Spirit may enable both teachers and scholars to come to a full knowledge of the will of the Lord, and to walk in His ways.

Satisfactory information is given in regard to the pupils who have left the School. They are endeavoring to support themselves by honest industry. Three of the young men are very helpful to the Institution in iron-work and carpentry, while still taking some lessons.

The Medical Mission has also been carried on during the past year. The number of patients has increased, and the efficacy of the treatment is much assisted since the establishment by English Friends of a Cottage Hospital, where some cases can receive continued care and good nursing. Dr Beshara also makes professional calls in the villages around, and each visit includes several cases, for the people have a way of going up on the housetops and shouting, "The Doctor has come"! when a crowd quickly gathers. The Doctor then has many sick ones brought to his notice, and also has an opportunity of speaking to the people, of Christ and His love, and they generally listen with great attention. In the waiting-room of the Dispensary, it is often cheering to see their readiness to receive the words of truth as read among them. At one time, when the account was

read of Elijah going to Heaven in a chariot of fire, one said, "How good those words are which you have read; they are new to us;" and another, "How comforting it is to hear that God takes those that fear Him to be with Him in Heaven." They also stated that some persons were coming to the Dispensary expressly to hear the reading.

During the past year, about $425, have been received for medicines and professional visits. Some part of this has been used for the purchase of drugs and other things needed at the Dispensary; the remainder has been paid to Theophilus Waldmeier, for the General Mission.

Two dear women Friends, from England, felt drawn in the love of the Gospel to spend some time at the Mission this winter, and their wise and loving aid has been very valuable at the Dispensary, Hospital, School and Meetings. Their visit has been a means of help and strength, also by their example and influence among the native women, who are slow to learn their rightful position and duties. They were much struck with the progress which has been made at the Mission, and the blessing which has attended the work. It may here be stated that this visit of our friends Maria Feltham and Ellen Clayton was not at the expense of the Mission.

The Monthly Meetings, Devotional Meetings, Mothers' Meetings and First-day Schools have been regularly held and well attended. Four new members have been received into our society during the past year; one of them is a Merchant of Beyrout, and two others were formerly pupils in the Training Home. Most of the teachers in the day-schools are members of the Monthly Meeting.

The day-schools are under the continued inspection and care of Ibrahim Jasso, and the scholars appear to be making progress. One School has been discontinued for a time, and some changes made in the teachers, which appear to be advantageous.
About 40 boys have left the school during the past year, and are assisting their parents in the fields, &c. Their influence in many cases is good. "My teacher told me not to steal," were the words of a boy of Nebay, when ordered by his father to go and steal some fuel. "But nobody will see you" said

the father. "My father, God is everywhere, and He sees all I do," answered the boy.

This has been the work at the Mission, while your Committee here have been largely occupied in procuring the needful funds. This Yearly Meeting pays $2,000. toward the current expenses of the whole Mission work, while Friends in England pay the remainder - about $3,500. As our Yearly Meeting only appropriated $750. it will be seen that there was a large amount to be raised by private subscription. The payments are made, one half in the 9th month, and one half in the 3rd month; and sometimes, when the treasury has been by no means in a condition to meet the requirements, our hearts have never failed, but we can praise Him, whose are the silver and the gold, that He has always provided for the need. From the little child who worked patiently for months to earn her dollars; from the First-day Schools, whose steady continued giving has been so encouraging; from those who could give largely and gave "as to the Lord," the money has come, and the obligations have been met.

Considering this strain upon the resources of our Yearly Meeting, we hardly dared to think of the possibility of acceding to the earnest desire of the people and workers upon Mount Lebanon, for a Girls Training Home, although from time to time they have pleaded for such a means of rescuing the girls from the oppression and degradation which is the usual lot of women in that land. But it seems almost impossible that the sum ($3,500) needful for the building could be obtained, in addition to what we were already pledged to give. However, the appeal of Theoph ilus Waldmeier was read in our last Yearly Meeting, and the result proved that the Lord blessed it. Nearly one third of the amount was collected at once. This appeal has also been sent to several other American Yearly Meetings, and New York, Ohio, Western and especially Baltimore and some members of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, have contributed for this purpose, until the entire sum needed for the building has been collected, and the corner-stone laid with much rejoicing. Some who are not members of this Society have taken a

great interest in the matter, and have given largely to the fun

In conclusion, we would ask the Yearly Meeting to continue the work under the care of a Committee, and appropriate $8 for this purpose. We would also request that the different Monthly Meetings be directed to again appoint Committees to assist in the work. And may all be for the glory of the Lord and the advancement of His cause.

On behalf of the Committee

Susan T. Thompson, Clerk.

Treasurers report:

Receipts

1880 6th Month.	By balance from last year	$188.36.	
	" Receipts from all sources including $750. from Yearly Meeting,	1,913.32	2,101.68

Payments

Paid Theophilus Waldmeier £400 -	$1,935.00	
" Bill. printing	11.50	
Balance on hand to new account	155.18	$2,101.68

George Howland, Jr., Treas of Com

New Bedford 6th Mo 10th 1881

Fund for Training Home for girls on Mt Lebanon, in account with George Howland, Jr., Treasurer of Com on Foreign Missions.

Receipts

1881 6th Month.	To amt rec'd from Western Yearly Meeting	$113.55	
	" " " " Friends of Baltimore " " through board of Missions	400.00	
	To amt rec'd from New York Yearly Meeting	131.24	
	" " " " Friends of Phila & Camden	1,370.00	
	" " " " all other sources, including dividends on deposits	1,545.22	$3,560.01

Payments

By sent by direction of Committee to Theophilus Waldmeier, £200.	$971.50	
Balance on hand	2,588.51	$3,560.01

There is also in the hands of the Committee for the Education of Syrian females in Syria, from a Friend in Newport, R.I. the further sum of $1000.

George Howland, Jr., Treasurer of Committee

New Bedford 6th Mo 10th 1881

Committee on Foreign Missions.

Eli Jones, Rebecca H. Smiley, Abby S. Battey, William Thompson, Susan T. Thompson, Harriet N. Jones, George Howland, Jr., Sylvia G. Howland, Albert C. Buffum, Henry T. Wood, Anna G. Wood, Obadiah Chace, Benjamin F. Knowles, Sarah F. Tobey, Augustus F. Cox, Eliza P. Varney, Harriette D. Collins, J. Warren Blankey, Mary W. Jones, Erlinda Metcalf, William H. Beale, Abbie M. Harris, Timothy B. Hussey, Elizabeth K. Hoxie, Eli Jepson, Charles M. Jones, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Moses Sawyer, Hannah B. Sawyer, Rachel S. Howland and Huldah Leighton.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 O'clock.

Fourth-day Morning, Sixth Month 15th. The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

26. On friend Elizabeth L. Comstock, made, this morning, an earnest appeal to Friends on behalf of the Freedmen of the South, who are now refugees in Kansas; she feels that their suffering and needy condition claims our sympathy, and this need she believes would be materially enhanced as the cold weather of next winter comes on. She presented credentials from a Committee of Kansas Yearly Meeting, and also a letter from Governor St. John, of Kansas, commending her and her interesting concern to those among whom she is called to labor.

On consideration it was concluded to name a Committee who are requested to present to a future separate session of the Mens Meeting the names of three Friends in each Quarterly Meeting to whom this subject may be entrusted, and who are requested to present the claims of this oppressed people, and we commend these refugees to the active sympathy and aid of Friends, Viz.:- Samuel R. Buffinton, Charles L. Kenyon, Owen Dame, Charles E. Hoag, Henry A. Slocum, Edward G. Dillingham, John J. Frye, George Douglas, Paul A. Randall, Reuben A. Wheeler, Josiah Philbrook, William H. Beale, Samuel Buffum, William P. Tuttle, Edward Wing and Joseph E. Briggs.

27. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by this Meeting.

28. The Report of the Joint Committee on the Concern of the Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen of the South has been presented, which, with the Report of the condition of the Freedmens Normal Institute at Maryville, Tenn, was read.

The earnest labor and devotion of the Committee in this interesting work, and the encouraging account of the progress of the Institution at Maryville have been interesting to Friends, and we now re-appoint the same Committee, with the exception of Ann Maria Coffin, deceased, and the addition of Moses Sawyer and Hannah B. Sawyer; and we desire the continued effort and labor of the Committe, and of all interested in this fruitful field.

The recommendation, contained in the Report, of an appropriation in aid of the work is referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report of the Committe on Freedmen.

"Your Committee have labored to increase and extend the usefulness of the School by continuing the unfinished improvements commenced last year, and to encourage pupils, who were suitable, to enter the Normal Class, and fit themselves for teachers.

The School, as heretofore, has been continued under the care of William P. Hastings as Principal.

Your Committe, with many others, feel the loss of another of our number, in the removal of our dear friend, Ann Maria Coffin, who departed this life in Twelfth Month last, after a short but painful illness. Her interest in the elevation of the Freedmen, made her a useful and valuable member of the Committee, and her cheerful hospitality in entertaining her friends, and readiness to relieve the want of the needy poor, are deeds not less worthy of being remembered than those of Dorcas, so commended to us in the Scriptures; and for her husband, whose heart was with her in the work, we have deep sympathy.

At the opening of the School in the 8th month, the number of pupils fell below that of the previous year, but before its close in the 5th Mo. the enrollment was 207, with a per cent, of attendance and improvement larger than usual, as stated in the Principals Report.

Over 50 students have been in the Normal Class the last year, fitting themselves to go out into the different States and act as teachers; and 72 who have been occupied as such during the same time, at a compensation from 20 to 50 Dollars per mo., were not enough to supply all the applications made to the Principal for Manville students.

By supplying students to meet this demand, the School becomes efficient as an agent in assisting to educate the masses of the colored people in the South, much to their advantage and that of our beloved country; and your Committee belive that one of the leading objects of this Institution should be, to send out Christian educators to assist in obtaining so desirable an end.

The dormitory, completed last year, has been nearly supplied with furniture, so that between 30 and 40 self-boarders have been accommodated at the Institute a number above former years, and for the first year after completing the dormitory, as large as we could expect.

It was believed that a bell would be of use to the Institution, and accordingly one was procured, weighing 900 pounds, and mounted in the belfry, much to the delight of the pupils, who, with others of their neighbors, commendably contributed to the expense.

The floor in the basement, used by the girls as a kitchen, was very poor, being rotten in places, and it was thought best to replace it with one made of water-proof cement, like the floor in the basement of the dormitory; it has been done, much lessening the danger of the building by fire.

In the second story above the basement, is a room the entire size of the building; it was seldom used; it has been fitted up and now contains a rostrum, black-boards and desks, much increasing the facilities of the building for school purposes; while at the same time, a room upon the first floor, being more convenient to the public, has been suitably fitted for meetings, and is now occupied for that purpose.

Nearly all the improvements and repairs about and upon the buildings are completed, except the roof of the Institute, which is very poor, and will

need to be covered, either with shingles or slate, some time during the coming year. It is believed that slate, will, in the end, be better, though it may cost about Five Hundred Dollars.

The construction of the dormitor and all other repairs were made with a view to lessen the danger of the buildings by fire, and it has enabled your Committee to effect an insurance (from 1st Mo 1st 1881, to same date 1886) for eight thousand dollars upon the two buildings, and at a rate more favorable than it would have been, had the construction been conducted with less care.

There has been expended for improvements during the last year.—

For a cement floor in the basement of the Institute, for the Girls' Kitchen $83.16

For Furniture

Six Cooking Stoves	$108.00	
Stove pipe and Cooking utensils	55.59	
Heating Stove, for wood	12.75	
" " " Coal	12.03	
Zinc for stoves &c	12.00	
Seven Dozen Chairs	35.00	
Iron Boiler and sundry other things	11.17	$246.54

Fitting large room in Second Story

Plastering	$54.00	
Black-boards	13.50	
Rostrum, paint and painting	35.80	$103.30

Bell

Bell, 900 pounds	$110.00	
Freight and Mounting	17.00	$127.00

Repairs on roof $8.65

Ladders and pails, used in case of fire $10.75

Condensed.

Kitchen floor in basement for Girls	$83.16
Furniture	246.54
Fitting School room in Second Story	103.30
Bell, freight and Mounting	127.00
	560.00

Amt carried up

Amount brought up	$560.00	
Repairing roof on Main building	8.65	
Ladders and pails, used in case of fire	10.85	
Insurance on the two buildings	267.50	$847.00

To meet the above outlay, there has been received through the hands of Lettie A. Garner—

Collection by Sarah Underhill of New York	$50.00	
Burger, Hood & Co. Marysville "	5.00	
J. M. Green & Co. "	5.00	
Wm P. Hastings & wife "	5.00	
Sundry small sums from colored people and others, Marysville	25.60	$90.60

Through the hands of Wm P. Hastings

Murray Fund New York	$100.00	
Sarah B. Satterthwaite	25.00	
Wm R. Thurston New York	25.00	
Edward Tatum " "	10.00	$160.00

Received by one of the Committee

From Lincoln D. Carr	$15.00	
" John G. Whittier	10.00	
" Sarah Slade	50.00	
" Charles F. Coffin	50.00	
" Elizabeth Hazzard	200.00	
" Phebe S. Marsh by will	50.00	
" Moses Sawyer	25.00	$400.00

Condensed

Received from Lettie A. Garner	$90.60	
" " Wm P. Hastings	160.00	
" " One of the Committee	400.00	
Given by a Friend to balance account	196.40	$847.00

We recommend to the Meeting an appropriation of $1.000. hoping and believing that Friends, individually, who are interested in helping to educate the Freedmen, will not fail to aid in making the School prosperous by contributing more.

We submit this Report with that of the Principal, with the Expression of much gratitude to a dear

English Friend, whose heart is alive to the wants of the poor Freedman, as manifested in a munificent gift to help him to a good Christian education.

On behalf of the Committee
Benjamin F. Knowles.

6th Month 1881.

Report of the Freedmen's Normal Institute, Maryville, Tenn. From 8th Mo 23d 1880, to 5th Mo 19th 1881. Including the School year.

Number of days taught	187
" " pupils enrolled	207
Average daily attendance	95
Number in Teacher's Training Class	54
" teaching in different States	72
" of teachers sent out to teach (from the first)	96
" " boarders in the Building	36
Cost of board to each self-boarder per week	70 cents
Whole number of boarders boarding in the Building & elsewhere	61
Number of Friends belonging to Maryville Mo Mtg	47
" taught Arithmetic	203
" " English Grammar	136
" " " Composition	96
" " Geography	76
" " United States History	47
" " Geology of Tennessee	8
" " Book-Keeping	4
" " Algebra	7
" " Latin	3
" " Natural Philosophy	3

The School has been very prosperous during the past year. The per cent, of advancement has been greater, and the attendance more regular than in any preceding year. Seven of the students, six male and one female, completed the Elementary Course, and received certificates of graduation. Six, who had previously graduated in this course, were also in attendance.

Sabbath Schools and the stated meetings of Southern Preparative Meeting, have been kept up during the year, the attendance being large during the continuance of the School. Much deep, religious interest has been manifested in our meetings and in the collections of the boarders for the daily reading of the Holy

Scriptures.
This Report is submitted with thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for having moved the hearts of His children to contribute of their means to this much needed work.

William P. Hastings, Principal.

Freedmen's Committee.
Benjamin F. Knowles, Charles F. Coffin, Moses Bailey, Moses Sawyer Gertrude W. Cartland, Hannah J. Bailey and Hannah B. Sawyer.

29. The Committee on Education have presented their Report which has been read and adopted by the Meeting. We conclude to appoint our Friends, Joseph E. Macomber, Harriette D. Collins, John H. Cronman, Deborah W. Cronman, George Howland, Jr., Rebecca H. Smiley, Lemuel Jones, Esther Jones, Abel C. Monroe, Lydia Haight, Thomas B. Nichols, Mary Eliza Philbrook, Albert C. Buffum, Anna M. Hussey, George Richardson and Mary G. Winslow, to present at a future sitting, the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Education.

Report of the Committee on Education.
"To the Yearly Meeting
The Committee on Education report that they have given attention to the subject, and that in obedience to the suggestion of the Yearly Meeting last year, some of their number attended the Educational Conference at Haverford College, composed of Friends of Education from all, or nearly all, of the American Yearly Meetings; that an organization was there made which is to labor for the educational interests of the Society of Friends in America, subject to this organization, and indeed as parts of it, the Yearly Meetings were set off into three Districts ... called the Eastern, Middle and Western divisions, each District being duly organized under its own officers; it being the intention that the District organizations shall labor to awaken an interest among the people on Education, by frequent Meetings, and that once in three or five years a general Conference of the Society of Friends in America, on the subject of Education, may be held, to which the District

organizations shall report their labors and the result thereof.

This Committee is in full sympathy with the above method as developed for calling the attention of the people to higher education. But care should be exercised that no intermeddling takes place with the Institutions or educational work of the Yearly Meetings, on the part of these organisations.

These organizations are formed, and should be, by persons as individuals and not as agents or representatives of Yearly Meetings. The Committee are particular about this matter, as suggestions have been made of centralisation of the power, interest and management of the entire educational work of all the Yearly Meetings. The Eastern Division intends to hold a Conference at Providence, in the Summer of next year.

Another subject which has claimed the attention of the Committee is the painful fact that a dozen or more young men from New England are receiving their education at Haverford College from the bounty, very largely, of Friends in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, who feel, or seem to feel, that New England Yearly Meeting takes no interest in the higher education of its children. Six children are to enter Haverford this Autumn who pay $125. each, while the nominal price is $425; thus Philadelphia Friends must contribute for their support $1800 a year for three years. But the burden on these men is not limited to New England; and we think they feel that the meetings in the South and West are less able than we are to assist, and they are therefore particularly troubled at our want of interest.

The Committee therefore recommend that the sum of $200 be appropriated to the use of young men of this Yearly Meeting at Haverford College, provided the Committee of this Meeting having the matter in charge shall only Expend such portion thereof as they shall deem really necessary.

The Committee do not forget that an allowance once made by the Yearly Meeting in this cause perished in the Finance Committee, and it was thought in that Committee by some persons that the Educational Committee could not be in earnest about this matter. We hope now to remove all doubt in every mind on that subject. Our communications with these

Friends of Philadelphia has caused us to feel very much upon the subject. Surely no cause can be nearer to our hearts than the education of our own children, thus placing them in broader fields of usefulness.

On behalf of the Committee
Augustine Jones

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions this afternoon at 4 O'clock.

Afternoon.- Assembled pursuant to adjournment.

30. The Committee appointed for that purpose have presented the following named Friends to constitute a School Committee the ensuing year, who are approved; the Womens Meeting concurring, Viz.:- Charles F. Coffin, George Howland, Jr., Moses Bailey, William C. Tabor, Timothy B. Hussey, Timothy K. Earle, Samuel R. Buffinton, Henry J. Wood, Richard Battey, William C. Monroe, Thomas B. Nichols, Augustus F. Cox, James H. Chase; James C. Inman, John F. Tucker, Peter M. Neal, Ellen K. Buffum, Rebecca H. Smiley, Sylvia G. Howland, Ann B. Earle, Hannah J. Bailey, Ann K. Colton, Hannah B. Sawyer, Laura S. Collins, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Anna G. Wood, Deborah W. Crossman, Abby S. Battey, Elizabeth H. Austin, Sarah F. Tobey, Esther Jones, Caroline C. Earle and Benjamin F. Knowles

31. The Committee appointed at a previous sitting to propose the names of Friends to constitute a Committee in reference to the proposition from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, presented the following, which is satisfactory to this and the Womens Meeting:-
Eli Jones, William C. Newhall, Obadiah Chace, Samuel R. Buffinton, Peter M. Neal, George Howland, Jr., David Kelley, Lemuel Jones, George Douglas, Richard Battey, Abel C. Monroe, Clement R. Jones, William H. Beale, John B. Cartland Albert C. Buffum, Lewi Jones, J. Warren Hawkes, William Jacob, Daniel Bede, Wm Thompson, Samuel Austin, Charles M. Jones, William H. Aldrich, Jacob K. Purinton, Henry J. Wood, Sarah F. Tobey, Ellen K. Buffum, Abigail M. Hanson, Tacey P. Hawkes, Susan T. Thompson, Rebecca H. Smiley, Almira S. Hanson, S. Jane Cox, Abby S. Battey, Abigail Wheeler, Hannah S. Jenkins, Margaret B. Cates, Lydia M.C. Tuttle, Hannah W. Meader, Lavinia Briggs, Sarah M. Richardson Esther Jones, Lydia C. Neal, Myra E. Frye and Elizabeth K. Hoxie.

On behalf of the Committee — Samuel R. Buffinton
Portland 6th Mo 15th 1881 — Harriette D. Collins

32. The Joint Committee on Home and Foreign Missions presented the following Report, Viz.:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Joint Committee continued from last year to consider the proposition of our late beloved friend Stanley Pumphrey, for the formation of an American Board of Home and Foreign Missions, have had the subject under consideration, and while way does not open to propose any definite action at this time, we are desirous that it may still remain in the hearts of Friends of this Yearly Meeting.

We would suggest that the concern be again left to a small Committee of our number, and propose that Eli Jones, William C. Taber, William H. Beale, Rebecca H. Smiley, Anna G. Wood and Anna M. Hussey be entrusted with this concern for the ensuing year.

For the Committee

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And we conclude to continue the concern under the care of our friends, Eli Jones, William C. Taber, William H. Beale, Rebecca H. Smiley, Anna G. Wood and Anna M. Hussey, Women Friends concurring.

33. Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of Iowa and Kansas were now read and approved.

34 The following communication was received at this time from George Stuge, a Friend, of London, England, proposing that this Yearly Meeting shall accept a trust of $25.000, the income from which in perpetuity is to be used for the education of Freedmen and their descendants, at the Freedmen's Normal Institute, in Maryville, Tenn., under the care and direction of this Yearly Meeting. This generous offer is accepted with gratitude to our Heavenly Father, who has drawn the heart of the donor to aid those for whom this gift is bestowed, and we appoint George Howland, Jr., Benjamin F. Knowles, Samuel R. Buffinton, Levi Jones and Owen Dame, to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends, to propose at a future session of this Meeting the names of seven Friends to be appointed as a Board Trustees to receive the Endowment, and hold the same in trust for this Yearly Meeting, and disburse the income arising therefrom under the direction of this Meeting, on such terms and conditions as shall, during the present year, be mutually agreed upon by the donor and the Trustees, Viz.:—

Woodthorpe, Sydenham Hill Road, London, S. E.
20th of 5th Month 1881.

To the Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends of New England:
Dear Friends,—

As I have for a long time felt great interest in the enslaved negro race and their descendants, and believing that a good, Scriptural education, such as is described in the Catalogue of the Maryville College, teaching "the common branches, including Physiology and Algebra," would be of the greatest benefit to the colored people, I hereby ask you to be kind enough to create a Trust to take charge of $25.000. the income from which in perpetuity, it is proposed, to be laid out in educating such young men and young women of the colored race, of the age of fifteen years and upwards, as show an aptitude for teaching, and are willing so to employ themselves in the District or Common Schools of the U. S. A: after completing their education at Maryville; and that in the schools where these young men and women, who are to be Teachers are educated, it shall be a rule that a portion of the Bible shall be daily and publickly read, and that at suitable time, either Monthly or quarterly, the precept, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," shall be explained, as a Divine command, clearly forbidding all war, and at the same time teaching Kindness to all men.

My view (subject to the approval of New England Yearly Meeting) is, that a Trust should be created consisting of seven Members of New England Yearly Meeting, both men and women Friends, who should hold the endowment of $25.000. with power to sell, convey, or re-invest, and manage according to their best judgment, with reference to its productiveness and perpetuity; to pay all expenses of management of the Fund, to expend the annual interest of the said Fund for the training and education of Teachers of the Freedmen of the Southern States, of U. S. A., through the agency of the Maryville College, in Tennessee; that the said Trustees should be at liberty, in their discretion, when needful, to apply five per cent, of the annual income for books and for clothing of worthy, needy, well-minded Teachers; and also a like sum, should the Managers of the College incline, to add a Technical Class, to teach either Carpentry, Black-smith's work, Shoemaking, or Tailor's work. Provided, however, that if the said Trustees do not find a suitable number

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of pupils offering as Teachers in the said Institute
Manyville, the remainder of the income may be used
to aid other worthy pupils; also that in case of any u
forseen casualty or event, the Trustees may modify th
details, always keeping in view the object of the dona
namely, the education of the Freedmen and their de
cendents, through the Teachers of Manyville College;
and that this Fund is only to be an assistance in any
effort; and is not to be charged with the whole cost
of any department.

Upon the death or incapacity of any
Trustee, his or her place shall be filled up by some
member of and by the New England Yearly Meetin
the said Trustees to be Friends willing to act with
out any pecuniary emolument and to render an An
nual Report, with an account of Receipts and Dis
bursements for each year to the New England Yearly
Meeting.

Your friend sincerely
George Stuge

Woodthorpe, Sydenham Hill Road. S.E. 27th of 5th Month 1881.

To the New England Yearly Meeting of the Religious
Society of Friends

Dear Friends,— On the 20th of this month
I wrote you a letter, asking you to accept an Endow-
ment for the benefit of Colored Students as Teachers
of the descendants of the enslaved Negroes. I fear
I did not clearly state the title of the Institute, which
I find is, "The Freedmen's Normal Institute, Manyville,
Tennessee". Please to incorporate this as part of my
proposal. And also a condition, that if in the course
of time, the New England Yearly Meeting should con
sider it desirable to remove the Institute from Man
ville to any other part of the Southern States, U.S.
A., the Trustees shall be at liberty to apply the Fund
of the Endowment to such Institute, for the same pu
pose of supplying Teachers to the Colored Race;
and that if at any future time, the New England
Yearly Meeting shall cease to take care and interes
in the Colored Race, the Endowment shall be hande
over to Indiana or any other Yearly Meeting of
the Northern or Western States of the U.S.A. George Stuge

After the acceptance of the offer of an Endowment of our dear friend George Stuge, and the engagement of this Meeting to use the income thereof in efforts for the elevation of the Freedmen of the South, in the scale of civilisation and a Christian life, a feeling of reverent gratitude pervaded the hearts of Friends, upon the evidence of the Lord's goodness to this long oppressed people, and of the Christian benevolence which has prompted this generous gift. May the blessing of this poor but grateful people in the South come upon him, and he be permitted to see his Christian desire upon them.

The Clerks were authorized to convey to George Stuge our warm acknowledgement of this mark of confidence on his part by furnishing him with a copy of this Minute, signed on our behalf.

35. The Committee on the subject of Temperance have presented their Annual Report, viz.:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Temperance that we have attended to our appointment.

Our work, this year, may have been less than usual in lectures and publick Meetings among Friends, but much more has been done in the juvenile department, and also in connection with the Womens Christian Temperance Union and similar organisations.

Tracts and other Literature have been widely circulated, the effects of which are perceptible in an increased Temperance sentiment in many parts of our Yearly Meeting.

About eighty public Meetings have been held in the prosecution of our work. Many children have been taught the character and effects of alcohol and tobacco, and warned of the danger of the slightest indulgence in these subtle poisons. The text books used, and which we recommend, are Julia Colemans "Alcohol and Hygiene" for small children, and "Dr. Richardsons Temperance Lessons" for those more advanced. The triple pledge is still being circulated, and receiving signatures. The hope of ultimate success to our cause rests mainly on the faithful education of the young. In view of this, the plan of Temperance instruction in all Bible Schools has our hearty approval, and, in order to give permanency and uniformity to such teaching, we desire that the International S[illegible]

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School Committee provide for a quarterly temperance less
in the regular course in future.

We regret that some of our
members still indulge in cider and the other lighter
alcoholic drinks as a beverage, manufacturing and
selling them, also, for that purpose. We think the voice
of Friends should give no uncertain sound in this matter
but that it should be distinctly understood that our Discipline
prohibits such use of any thing that intoxicates. The evil
of intemperance is a gigantic one, and claims the u
ted interest of the whole Christian Church.

It would seem that the
presence everywhere of her greatest enemy were sufficient
to arouse all her energies, especially when the startling
fact is realized that for every dollar expended in the
spread of the gospel, to save men, ten are used to destroy
them, and that more fall into the drunkard's grave eve-
year than are gathered into the visible Kingdom of our
Lord Jesus Christ, while through the pride and self-in-
dulgence of her members, more is wasted than all her
Missions cost.

From the testimony of reformed men, with the
rightly interpreted teaching of the Bible, we are convinced
that the only safe position is total abstinence from all
alcoholic drinks on every occasion.

We recommend a continu-
ance of this work under the care of a Committee an
other year, and that two hundred dollars be appropriated
for its use. We submit herewith the following Report
from our Treasurer.

Augustus F. Cox Chairman

Harriet N. Jones. Secretary

Treasurer's Report

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Treasurer of the Committee on Tempera
would make the following Report:-

The amount of Money received
from George Haviland Jr. Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting = $ 150.
Paid out on order of the Chairman A. F. Cox $ 84.50
Balance in the Treasury 65.50 $ 150

John F. Chase Treasurer of Com.

This Report is adopted, and the Meeting concludes to continue the concern under the care of the same Committee, with the exception of Lemuel A. Jones, not now a member of our Society, and David Douglass, removed from our limits, and the addition of Ezra Hawkes; We are desirous of encouraging the Committee to continue their efforts for the suppression of this gigantic evil. Committee:— Harriette D. Collins, Ellen K. Buffum, James K. Collins, Charles A. Chace, John F. Chase, Elizabeth H. Valentine, Mary Almy Chase, John F. Tucker, Wm. P. Macomber, Phebe B. Slocum, Hannah S. Wing, Augustus F. Cox, Esther Osborn, Charles W. Goddard, S. Jane Cox, Edward S. Hacker, Elizabeth P. Nichols, Joseph M. Hanson, Alice Purinton, Lydia E. Sawyer, Samuel Buffum, James S. Read, Abigail Wheeler, Ann S. Battey, D. Wheeler Swift, William Jacob, Frank T. Jones, Lydia E. Frye, Hannah T. Jenkins, Isaac Warren Hawkes, Harriet N. Jones, Emeline Meyers and Ezra Hawkes.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 7.30. this Evening.

At about the hour to which the Meeting adjourned, Friends again assembled.

36. The Committee on Scriptural Instruction in First-day Schools submitted a Report, which was now read.

The care and labor bestowed by the Committee seems evident, and we are united in the re-appointment of the same Committee another year.

We desire their encouragement, and recognise this as an efficient and blessed means of "adding to the Church," and of bringing many to a knowledge of salvation. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report of the Bible School Committee.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In presenting this, our Annual Report, we have much cause for gratitude and encouragement, not so much through the combined efforts of the Committee as the labors of its individual members and others. We believe the work of Bible instruction has made steady progress during the year.

Conferences have been held in all the Quarterly Meetings, and in them earnest, practical teachings have been given, well calculated to assist the teachers in their work. Nearly all the Quarterly Meetings have regularly organized Conferences.

A Committee was appointed last year to prepare a little sheet, containing hints and suggestions helpful to Teachers. About New Years, "Words of Cheer" were sent out for distribution in the Schools. It is hoped this paper will find a place and service in the different parts of the Yearly Meeting.

The blanks for collecting statistics not having been distributed, only forty-four Schools have been heard from — reporting an aggregate average of 1099.

These Schools, with a few exceptions, have continued through the Year, and report an increase of interest and membership.

Your Committee have found, in many Schools, a great need of suitable literature for the children. In view of this urgent call from many workers from different parts of the Yearly Meeting, and for other departments of Bible School work we recommend that one hundred dollars be placed in the hands of a Committee, that shall have the charge of this important department of Christian labor.

On behalf of the Committee
William T. Collins.
Saloma C. Wheeler.

Committee on Bible Schools.
William T. Collins, Charles H. Thorndike, John F. Tucker, Charles W. Goddard, John J. Ingle, Albert C. Hill, Thomas B. Wheeler, George H. Farr, Isaac Warren Hawkes, Timothy B. Hussey, Frank E. Jones, Harriette D. Collins, Mary J. Rogers, Rebecca H. Smiley, Elizabeth P. Nichols, Sarah E. Buffinton, Saloma C. Wheeler, Margaret B. Cates, Lydia E. Sawyer, Mary G. Winslow, Harriet N. Jones, S. Jane Cox and Ruth S. Murray.

37. The Committee under appointment in reference to the few members of our Society residing in the British Provinces, made the following Report, viz.:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to whom was referred the case of the Members of our Society residing in the British Provinces, Report—

we have given attention during the past year to the interests of the Friends placed under our care, and we have endeavored to use, judiciously, the money appropriated by the Yearly Meeting, for those who required aid.

The Committee feel that these Friends will continue to need oversight; and we would recommend that a Committee be appointed for that purpose, and that $100. be appropriated for their use.

On behalf of the Committee

Rebecca H. Smiley.

Portland. 6th Mo, 15th 1881.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and we conclude to continue the Committee to extend such care towards these distant members as way may open. The subject of an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance, Committee Josiah Holmes, Jr, Benjamin F. Knowles, George Richardson, Eli Jones, Sarah A. Holmes, Sarah M. Richardson, Rebecca H. Smiley and Rachel S. Howland.

38. The Committee on the concern of the Meeting for the improvement of the Western Indians presented their Report, viz.:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Joint Committee on the concern of this Meeting, for the improvement of the Western Indians, report that the educational work has made good progress under the care of the Associated Executive Committee.

In the six Schools which have been sustained, 720 pupils have been enrolled, and their advancement in School learning and in industrial education has been commendable. In all the Boarding Schools, manual labor is a prominent part of education. At the Wyandotte School, under the charge of Dr. Charles W. Kirk, the progress of the pupils in their studies is specially commended. The Modoc School has remained under the efficient care of Emmeline H. Tuttle, who, during all her service among the Indians, has been very successful, both as a literary and Christian teacher. Only a few days since the Indian Commissioner, Hiram Price, in an interview with one of the Associated Executive Committee alluded in terms of commendation to the labors of these two teachers; and they need our encouragement.

In the religious and Christianizing work, perhaps at no time has there been a more open door than

during the past year.

The Associated Executive Committee has had five Missionaries in the field. Our valued friends Elkanah and Irene Beard labored faithfully for a year at the Cheyenne Agency, and although no Church organization has been formed real fruit has resulted from their devoted service.

Among the Pottawatomies, Franklin Elliott, labored under the auspices of New York Friends, but partly sustained by the Associated Executive Committee, has been very successful. A Meeting of twenty-eight members has been gathered, and the work gives promise of further extension during the summer.

A new station has been opened among the Shawnees at Blue Jacket, in the Cherokee country, near the Quapaw Agency, and a donation of Bibles and Testaments has been obtained by the Committee, from the American Bible Society, and they have been forwarded to this station, to the care of John M. Watson, to be used in First-Day School, and other religious work.

In the Quapaw Agency, Asa C. Tuttle and wife, and Jeremiah Hubbard have labored earnestly with good results. Last month 57 Indians were received as members by Timberer Hills Monthly Meeting, and these, with 23 received before, make 80 members in this Agency. a Friend writes "If the Lord continues this open door, we must be faithful in the work here."

During the winter, two barrells of good, substantial clothing, from Friends in Providence, and one barrell, prepared by two members of the Committee in Portland, were sent to the care of Asa and Emmeline Tuttle. Several parcels of reading matter, including children's books and illustrated papers, have been forwarded to different stations.

Our late friend Samuel Gifford, of Sandwich, Mass. left to the Committee a bequest of $200. to be used for the benefit of the Indians under our care. This sum has been received, and deposited in the New Bedford Institution for Savings, in trust for the Committee.

The Associated Executive Committee that the sum of $2.500. be raised by the Yearly Meetings in aid of this work. The quota of this sum for our Yearly Meeting, amounts to $425. We recommend that this sum be appropriated.

While much of the Christian work among the Indians has been wholly sinsectarian, the result of the years labor shows a considerable addition of membership to our Society. The fact that the simple Gospel message as presented by us is readily comprehended and embraced by the Indians, seems to add to our responsibility in this field; and at this time, when our Heavenly Father is evidently at work for the welfare of these, His children, and is calling upon us to be co-workers with Him, may we be ready to sustain and encourage the labourers, and to pray for the Divine blessing upon the service.

On behalf of the Committe

Henry T. Wood.
Ellen K. Buffum.

Sixth Month 11th 1881.

Committe on Indian Affairs.

Henry T. Wood, Anna L. Wood, John T. Tucker, William C. Newhall, Ellen K. Buffum, Sarah Caroline Tobey, Susan Peckham, Mary W. Jones, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Rebecca Anthony, Eli Jepson, Elizabeth K. Hoxie, John J. Frye of Portland, Myra E. Frye, Thomas J. Battey, Sarah W. Goddard, Hannah T. Jenkins, Joseph E. Briggs and Thomas B. Buffum.

The evident blessing which has attended the labors of the Committe during the past year, and the open door which now invites to this field, encourage us to continue this interesting work.

We appoint the same Committe (with the exception of Martha Jay, about to remove from our limits) to the service, and desire their encouragement in a field which the Lord hath blessed. The subject of an appropriation in aid of the Associated Executive Committe on Indian Affairs is referred to the Committe on Finance.

39. The Committe on Mission Work in North Carolina and other States of the South, presented the following, Report, Viz.:-

To the Yearly Meeting;

The Educational and Mission work in the South have been continued with interest and considerable success during the past year. We have had six Schools in North Carolina, and one in Tennessee, continuing from three to six Months each; two hundred and Sixty-Six pupils, between the ages of Five and twenty five years, attended these Schools, about one half of them being the Children of Friends. The average attendance has been less than in

previous years, on account of the unusually severe weather, and deep snow, which prevailed in the South during the last Winter. The people were quite unprepared for such weather, having no sleighs or facilities for travelling on snow, hence some of the Schools were suspended for a while.

We judge by the Reports of our teachers that many of the scholars have made rapid progress in their studies, and that they appreciate their advantages, and then and their parents are generally grateful for what is being done for them; but there are some, more especially among the older people, who do not appear to fully realize the value of these blessings. It is doubtless true that those engaged in the work of elevating the human race have ever found it a slow business, and at times discouraging, and requiring patience and perseverance; but, when it is accomplished, O. who can estimate the value of it!

Two of those, who have been pupils in our Schools since their commencement four years ago, have been teaching the past winter. One is now attending a Boarding School in the North, and one is at New Garden Boarding School.

One of our Teachers wrote us recently, saying, "Your work is certainly doing good, especially among the young people. Eight of those, who have had a start in your schools, are now looking after a higher education, and seem determined to have it."

Four barrells of clothing, a large number of books, papers, &c., were sent to our Teachers for distribution, as needed early in the winter. Two barrells of these were prepared and sent by the care of our late dear friend Ann Maria Coffin, a few days before her decease. She was a faithful and deeply interested worker in our Committee, and she is greatly missed by us. A Friend writing from the Mission field soon after receiving a barrell of much needed articles from her, and having just been informed of her decease, says, "Although we had never seen her, we had learned to love her through her letters and good works. It is hard to realize that she has passed from Earth, and before ... receiving an Expression of our gratitude for the happiness she has given us."

Bible Schools have been kept up a greater part of the year, in every neighborhood

where our Schools have been located. These, with Temperance and other Mission work have received more attention this year than in any previous one since our appointment.

Our friend, Charlotte D. Holmes, under the auspices of this Committee, spent nearly three months last winter in that part of our Mission field which is in North Carolina. She visited all the Meetings, day-Schools Bible Schools, held twenty five Bible readings, distributed ten thousand pages of tracts, also many books and papers which were given her for that purpose, visited fifty five families, labored much in the cause of Temperance, &c.

Many letters have been received from Friends there, expressing much satisfaction with these services, and with the labors of our Teachers. Fervent gratitude was expressed also for what we have done to promote the comfort and welfare of the poor people in that part of our country, and to aid them in the Education of their children.

The Committee believe that although much has been done, yet much remains undone. If the Yearly Meeting should conclude to continue this work in the care of a Committee for another year, $500. will be needed to carry it on successfully.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Committee

Hannah J. Bailey, Secretary.

Portland, 6th mo 10th 1881.

Treasurers Account.

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1880 10th Month.	To paid travelling expenses, Teachers	$32.80
	on account School Furniture	5.00
	" " board of teachers	14.00
	" " of a teacher	5.00
	For Postage, Stationery, and incerdental Expenses	13.68
12th Month-	For tracts and School books.	10.87
	in aid of Mission work	10.50
	S. A. Holmes on account of freight-	2.35
	travelling expenses of teachers	56.00
	freight per rail-road	5.00
1881 4th Month-	Postage, Money Order and incidental Expenses	11.75
	On account Teachers Salaries	434.75
	A Friends expenses with Money raised for that purpose	26.00
5th Month	Amount of balance in Hands of the Committee.	5.84
		$633.54

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6th Mo	By balance in hands of Committee		$177.54
	" amt recd from	B. F. K.	5.00
	" " " "	L. D. Farr	5.00
	" " " "	H. J. Bailey	5.00
	" " " "	G. W. Bailey	5.00
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2d Mo	" " " "	Treasurer of Yly Mtg	400.00
4th "	" " " "	a Friend	8.00
	" " " " "	"	5.00
	" " " "	several Friends for a special purpose	26.00
			$633.54

For the Committee

Matthew Howland Treasurer

Portland 6th Mo 10th 1881.

We are encouraged by the evidence afforded of real usefulness resulting from the labors of this Committee, and we cannot afford to relax our efforts in behalf of these needy people.

The effects of the degradation of slavery and the barbarism of war still hang like a cloud over this region, and the victims continue to need our help. We continue the same Committee under appointment (with the exception of Ann Maria Coffin, deceased, and Allen and Martha Jay, about to remove from our Yearly Meeting, and Hannah G. Hoxie released upon her request), and Elizabeth K. Hoxie is added to the Committee. Committee — Benjamin F. Knowles, Joseph E. Macomber, Gulielma Freeborn, Gertrude W. Carland, Joseph S. Nichols, Matthew Howland, Sarah A. Holmes, George Douglas, Esther Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Alfred H. Jones, Elizabeth S. Frye, Mary R. Jones, Richard Battey, Sarah Jane Swift, Joseph Taylor, Hannah J. Bailey, Albert C. Buffum, Lydia C. Tuttle, Rachel S. Howland, Moses Bailey, Charles M. Jones, Charles F. Coffin, Rebecca Hoag, Moses Sawyer and Elizabeth K. Hoxie.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Fifth-day afternoon, the 16th. — The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

40. The following named Friends have been selected, three from each Quarterly Meeting, to solicit aid for the Kansas refugees, within their respective limits, Viz:

Joseph E. Macomber Charles A. Chace Charles D. Kenyon	Rhode Island	Richard Battey Calvin R. Rockwood Greeley Dow	Smithfield
John H. Crosman Charles H. Thorndike Albert C. Hill	Salem	George Varney Josiah Philbrook Daniel Ayer	Vassalboro
Gideon Gifford Alvah [illegible] Gideon Wood	Sandwich	Isaac H. Varney Eli Meader Edward Purinton	Dover
Augustus F. Cox Samuel Jones Nathan Pope	Falmouth	Isaac Warren Hawkes Asa [illegible] Edwin Wing	Fairfield

On behalf of the Committee

Charles D. Kenyon
Samuel R. Buffinton

Portland 6th mo 16th 1881.

41. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year. The Friends named are satisfactory to the Meeting and are appointed accordingly. Viz.:— Thomas Hankners, Benjamin F. Knowles, Sarah F. Tobey, Ellen K. Buffum, Joseph Cartland, Owen Dame, Abigail M. Hanson, Gertrude W. Cartland, William C. Taber, George Howland, Jr, Anna G. Wood, Susan T. Thompson, Augustus F. Cox, George Douglas, S. Jane Cox, Elisabeth A. Douglas, Richard Battey, Thomas A. Wheeler, Abby S. Battey, Lydia Haight, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Rachel B. Nichols, Eliza P. Pierce, Timothy B. Hussey, Albert C. Buffum, Anna M. Hussey, Huldah S. Buffum, Levi Jones, Mary W. Jones, Charles M. Bailey, Charles M. Bailey, Sophia D. Bailey, Charles F. Coffin, David K. Akin, William O. Newhall, Samuel R. Buffinton, Henry T. Wood, Augustine Jones, Jacob K. Purinton and Joseph E. Briggs.

42. The Committee appointed As nominate Trustees of the Sturge Fund presented the following Report, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and is adopted, and the Friends therein named are appointed Trustees accordingly,— the Women's Yearly Meeting Concurring, Viz.:—

To the Yearly Meeting,

The Committee appointed to bring forward names of Friends As serve as Trustees of the Endowment, proposed by our friend, George Sturge

present the following, Viz.:—

Benjamin F. Knowles,	South Manchester,	Conn.
Samuel R. Buffinton,	Fall River,	Mass.
Augustine Jones,	Providence,	R. I.
Owen Dame,	Lynn,	Mass
Rebecca H. Smiley,	New Bedford,	"
Ellen K. Buffum,	Providence,	R. I.
Susan T. Thompson,	New Bedford,	Mass.

For the Committee

George Howland, Jr.

Portland 6th mo 16th 1881.

43. The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, Etc., have attended to their appointment, and Report as follows, viz.:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to audit and settle the Treasurer's accounts, Etc., report— That we have attended thereto, and find the accounts as follows, Viz.:—

Receipts

Balance from last year	$ 2.472.42	
By sale of "Disciplines"	10.50	
Amount from G. C. Herbert re-funded	41.43	
Note at Merchants National Bank	1.500.00	
Vassalboro Quarterly Mtg, balance last year	57.00	
From the several Quarterly Meetings	4.000.00	
Eagle Bank, Providence, Dividend	80.00	
Arrearages of Rail Road Bonds	288.00	
Committee on Bible Schools refunded	72	$ 8.436.56

Payments

Amount paid S. R. Buffinton, Expenses at Newport,	$ 429.60.	
" " Committee on Friends in British Provinces,	200.00	
" " " " Bible Schools	107.21	
Printing	307.18	
Committee on Foreign Missions	750.00	
Wm P. Hastings for Colored Institute	1.300.00	
Com on North Carolina Mission	400.00	
Wm F. Coffin— Associated Executive Com	425.00	
Note at Merchants Nat Bank and interest	1.538.13	$ 5.457.12

Amount carried up

Amount brought up		$5,457.12
Committee on Temperance	$150.00	
Recording Women's Minutes	30.00	
Wm. O. Newhall, recording, Expressing Etc.,	46.80	
Balance in hands of Treasurer	2,772.64	
		$8,456,56

Treasurer in account with Boston Meeting House Fund.

Balance from last year	$448.47	
Interest on Bonds	450.00	
" " balance in Savings Bank	12.61	$911.08
Paid rent Wesleyan Hall, Boston		350.00
		$561,08

We find the accounts correctly stated, and properly vouched. We recommend that the sum of four thousand dollars ($4.000) be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year; and nominate George Howland, Jr., for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness, for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

For the Committee

George Douglas

Portland 6th Mo 16th 1881.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of four thousand dollars ($4.000) for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year; and George Howland, Jr., is appointed Treasurer; and Thomas Harkness is appointed Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund. Our Several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed.

44. The Committee on Finance report as follows, viz.:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

We have carefully considered the various applications for appropriations, and recommend the following, viz.:—

For Associated Executive Com Western Indians.—	$425.00
" Bible Schools	50.00
" Foreign Missions	750.00
" Freedmen	1.000.00
" North Carolina Mission	300.00
" Temperance	125.00
" Aid to Friends in British Provinces	100.00
" Education	200.00
	$2,950.00

For the Committee

Owen Dame

Portland 6th Mo 16th 1881.

The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the above appropriations are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for such sums as they may need in the prosecution of their various concerns, not exceeding the amount appropriated to each.

Standing Committee on Finance

Samuel R. Buffinton for Rhode Island. Richard Battey for Smithfield
Owen Dame " Salem Charles B. Cate for Vassalboro
George Howland, Jr. " Sandwich Jacob K. Purinton for Dover
Augustus F. Cox " Falmouth Levi Jones for Fairfield

45. The Committee appointed at our first session, to prepare, as way might open, returning Minutes for Friends in attendance of this Yearly Meeting, have presented the following for our friend Mary S. Knowles, which has been read and approved, and similar ones for Rufus P. King, Benjamin S. Coppock, Perrin Reynolds, William P. Hastings, Edward C. Young, Joseph Stanley, S. Adelbert Wood, Elisabeth L. Comstock, Abigail B. Kelley, Dougan Clark, and William G. Johnson, as follows:— Our beloved friend Mary S. Knowles acceptably attended this Meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

46. And the following for our friends James and Celia A. Barton, and similar ones for Phila C. Jewell, Julia G. Coppock, Joseph Arbely, Lydia Stanley, Maria E. Young, Caroline D. Green and Emily J. Morris, as follows:— Our friends James and Celia A. Barton acceptably attended this Meeting.

47. The Joint Committee, to disburse the income arising from the Mosher Fund, presented the following Report, viz.:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Joint Committee, appointed to receive the income of the "Mosher Fund," and disburse the same, in accordance with the will of the donor, report as follows. Whilst way has not opened for them to distribute among our members a large variety of books, they have however, been able to secure an edition of one thousand

copies of the "Memoirs of Robert Charlton"; which, with a number of smaller books and tracts, have been received and largely distributed.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the income from the Mosher Fund.

Receipts

Balance on hand as reported last year	$218.77
Received from Charles F. Coffin, on behalf of Trustees	606.12
" " Interest on deposits to 6th mo 1st	5.03
	$829.92

Expenditures

Paid for 1001 copies "Memoir of Robert Charlton and Expressing	$615.85
Paid Philadelphia Association of Friends	12.61
" for 200 copies of "Essay on Baptism" and other small books	15.26
" " Freight, Express, postage etc., to members of the Committee	14.74
Balance on hand to new account-	171.46
	$829.92

On behalf of the Committee

Samuel R. Buffinton
Rebecca H. Smiley.

Portland 6th mo 16th 1881.

Committee

Henry F. Wood, Samuel R. Buffinton, J. Ellwood Paige, Rebecca H. Smiley, Gertrude W. Cartland, Harriet N. Jones.

48. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund, Viz.:—

The income of the Fund for the year has been

Balance from last year	$188.51
Interest from deposits in New Bedford Institution for Savings	22.82
" " Boston City Bond $10,000.	500.00
	$711.63

The payments from income have been

To the Yearly Meeting Book Committee	$606.12
" Income added to principal	104.00
" balance in hands of Trustees	1.51
	$711.63

The investment of the Fund is in

City of Boston registered Bond (5 per cent)	$10,000.00
Deposit in New Bedford Institution for Savings	645.20
	$10,645.20

In addition, there has been received from the Mosher

Executors the sum of $1,506.78, which is awaiting the direction of the Yearly Meeting as to its disposition.

For the Trustees
Charles F. Coffin.

Lynn 6th Mo 6th 1881.

The Trustees are directed to invest the said sum of $1,506.78 in such securities as they may deem advisable.

49. The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee on Education, presented the following named Friends. The nomination is approved, and they are accordingly appointed to that service the ensuing year, viz.:— Augustine Jones, Caroline Jones, of Deering, Maine, Anna F. Hall, Eli Jones, Myra E. Frye, J. Ellwood Paige and Charles H. Jones.

50. The Committee on the subject of Peace, have presented their Annual Report, viz.:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Joint Committee on the subject of Peace report that while little of a public nature by way of addresses has been attempted, some pains have been taken by the distribution of tracts and other reading matter, to diffuse a correct public sentiment in the community.

The need of this effort continues to be fully apparent. During the past Winter a bill was introduced to the Legislature of Massachusetts, authorizing the practice of Military drill in the public Schools of that State. The efforts of some of the Committee and of other Friends, supplemented by remonstrances from many not members of our Society were strenuous in opposition, and at one time promised to be successful, but the act was finally passed. We deeply regret this backward step in a measure calculated to familiarize the youthful mind with the practice of war.

The sum of $38.88. still remains in the hands of the Committee for this cause.

For the Committee
Henry J. Wood
Abby S. Battey

The Report is satisfactory and accepted by the Meeting. The Committee now under appointment, is continued on this very important concern of the Yearly Meeting,

and we derive their encouragement. Committee on Peace
Eli Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles C. Varney, Samuel R. Buffinton, George Richardson, Henry T. Wood, William Jacob, Susan T. Thompson Gertrude W. Cartland, S. Narcissa Jacob, Rachel S. Howland, Abby S. Batty, Joseph H. Atwater and George Hussey Gifford.

51. This Meeting has learned, with deep regret, that the Legislature of Massachusetts, at its last session, passed an act legalizing instruction in military drill in the public schools in that State. We earnestly remonstrate against all legislation which shall instil into the minds of youth a warlike spirit, so manifestly at variance with the teachings of the Prince of Peace.

We refer the subject to the Representative Meeting, to take such action as may in their judgment tend to secure the repeal of the act referred to.

52. The Committee now under appointment, with the addition of Timothy B. Hussey, John J. Frye, William T. Collins and John F. Tucker, is directed to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious Meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also, to propose, times and places for the various Committees to meet, who now are or may then be under appointment, Viz.:— Eli Jones, Samuel R. Buffinton, Henry T. Wood, Augustus F. Cox, Jacob K. Purinton, George Douglas, Timothy B. Hussey, John J. Frye, William T. Collins and John F. Tucker.

53. Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western and Canada, and a joint Epistle to the Monthly Meetings of Friends of Brunswick, Mt. Lebanon, have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting, and cause them to be countersigned by one of our correspondents, and forwarded to those Meetings respectively.

54. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed; and the Clerks are directed to cause an edition of two thousand copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings, in their usual proportions, and Owen Dunn is appointed to advise with them in the

accomplishment of the work.

55. Again we have gratefully to acknowledge the continued watchful care and love of our Heavenly Father, as we have been gathered at this time in a Yearly Meeting capacity; enabling us to transact the various and increasingly important subjects which have engaged our attention, in much harmony and brotherly love. As we are now about to separate, we can but commemorate His goodness, past and present, and invoke His continued care over us and blessing upon us. We now conclude, proposing to meet again at Newport, Rhode Island, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall
Clerk

Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England: held Sixth Month 1881.

To London.

We were gladdened by the reception of your Epistle of this year which seemed a new salutation to us from your assembly of a few days before, of which we had learned from other sources, that it was a time of Divine favor. We, in this land, have cause gratefully to remember your Christian body, as well for the loving counsel and words of cheer which, for many years, you have from time to time, been enabled, we trust, by the help of the blessed Holy Spirit, to send to us, as for the faithful messengers of Christ whom you have let go to labor among us in word and doctrine, some of whom are alive and remain, while others are asleep in Him. In loving remembrance of some of these we desire that the abundant grace may, through the thanksgiving of many, redound to the glory of God.

We have met together this year in larger numbers than in some former years, and have been favored to transact the business of the Church in harmony

and condescension.

Our Mission work beyond our own borders, which was, for many years, much restricted, is increasing on our hands, and the care and christian energy of the Church is being drawn out on this account. The work on Mt Lebanon in Syria, of which we have been enabled to bear a part, has greatly interested us. We share with you the desire that this Mission may continue to prosper and be a means of blessing to that spot of ancient historic interest. The cheering account which reached us of the cordial welcome extended by the people in that locality to the two Ministers who visited them from your body, was gratifying to us, and we thought we saw especially, the Lords guiding hand in the choice, at that time, of women to bear his name before the people.

The situation of lately enslaved people of the South, some of whom are refugees in Kansas and other Western States, while many others are still suffering from a sad state of society around them, engendered by Slavery, claims our active sympathy. Considerable efforts have been made for the temporary relief of the former, in the new homes which they have sought, while we have continued to maintain schools and Missionary work of a religious and civilizing nature in North Carolina and Tennessee.

Our dear friend Elizabeth L. Comstock has been present in this as in some of the other Yearly Meetings to present the claims of the suffering freedmen, whose condition she has long been engaged to elevate.

We have been encouraged by the generous proposal of an Endowment by an Esteemed member of your Yearly Meeting, in aid of the Normal Institute at Maryville, Tennessee, Established for this people.

Your allusion to the vacant seats around you once occupied by those who have been your companions and helpers, but who have been removed by death, is also a record of our experience. May we who remain so abide in Christ the living vine, as to bear fruit in our day upon the earth, and may others be constrained by our example to enter the vineyard and be prepared to take our places when we too shall be removed.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall
Clerk.

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To Ireland.

Dear Friends,

In the love of the everlasting gospel of Christ we salute you, desiring that grace, mercy and peace, may be multiplied unto you.

Your acceptable Epistle the present year, has been received and we thankfully acknowledge the goodness of our Heavenly Father in thus keeping bright the bond of Christian fellowship, which can only live in the hearts of those who are alive in Christ.

We have to acknowledge at this time the cementing love of Christ Jesus our Lord amongst us, so that the concerns of the Church have been considered and passed upon in that condescension and harmony that betokens spiritual life and love, and we believe many will go away with hearts strengthened and encouraged in the Lord.

Amongst the concerns that have engaged our attention at this time was that of Mission work, both at home and abroad; and the reports from the several Missions under our care, have been both cheering and encouraging to us. We have had to feel as we have endeavored to help others, the truth of the saying "He that waters shall himself be watered"; and that however small may be our portion as we are willing to divide it with those less favored, we also realize that there is that scattereth and yet increaseth.

We have Friends in attendance from several of our neighboring Yearly Meetings who have labored with and for us to our great comfort and edification.

Although we do not find our numbers to have increased the past year, but rather to have diminished by 24, yet we feel encouraged to believe that at no time has there been greater evidence of spiritual life amongst us, and we are led to hope that as we dwell low under the abiding love of Jesus, fruits will yet appear to the glory of God our Father.

There has been a desire manifested amongst us to rid ourselves of selfishness, and to spend and be spent in the service of our Heavenly Master if so be we can bring forth fruits to His praise.

We have deeply sympathized with you in the troubles between landlords and tenants and desire

that you might be enabled to dwell in love, and commit all your care to Him who judgeth righteously and in His own time He will make a way where now there appears to be no way.

In thus commending the care of our Heavenly Father we have desired that both you and we may trust Him more constantly and more devotedly, that we may know His love to surround and keep us in all our ways.

Again in love we salute you and are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall

Clerk

To New York.

Dear friends.

In the Providence of God we have been permitted to meet once more in our Annual gathering, and have gratefully to acknowledge that the Lord hath wonderfully blessed us during the various sessions of our Meeting.

Your welcome Epistle with those from all the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond was read, greatly to our comfort and encouragement. We have with us several of the Lords messengers from other Yearly Meetings, who have been favored to preach to us the unsearchable riches of Christ, in demonstration of the spirit and of power. The doctrine of entire sanctification through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ has been lovingly pressed home upon our hearts and we believe some who have not been able heretofore to understand fully this part of the plan of salvation, have been enabled at this time to accept it in all its fulness.

The Reports from our various Committees on Church work have been encouraging. Our Mission work on Mt Lebanon, has been increasing the past year; some additions have been made to the Church there, and through the Medical Department a large number of the inhabitants have been reached. We thankfully that through the kindness of your own and some other Yearly Meetings in helping us respond to the earnest appeal from those laboring there for a Training Home for girls, the amount needed has been raised, work has begun, and we expect to be able to have it in operation the first of the coming year.

We were greatly rejoiced to hear that the work among the Western Indians was being so blessed of the Lord and that many were being converted

to Him.

The Bible School, Temperance and Educational work, have claimed our earnest attention at this time, much pertinent counsel has been given.

The Mission work within our own borders has received our close attention the past year, and a large amount of work has been done in reviving the Church and laying the foundation for further labor, which we trust will result in the conversion of many souls.

Now in that love which emenates from the throne of God, we commit and commend you with ourselves As the God of all grace, to whom be glory forever, Amen.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Baltimore.

Dear friends.

Your Epistle of Tenth Month last, together with one from each of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, has been read in this Meeting to our comfort and edification. We have had at this time the company of many concerned Friends from other Yearly Meetings who have not failed to deliver to us the whole counsel of God, and whose services we trust will be blessed to us.

From the Reports of our Committees on the various matters confided to them we have been encouraged to believe that their work has been blessed of the Lord. That on "General Meetings and other Gospel work", was very interesting, shewing that the Committee had faithfully attended to the service entrusted to them, holding many Meetings, some of them of long continuance, and also visiting nearly all the Meetings in the Yearly Meeting. The Report of the Committee on "Foreign Missions", was also interesting, shewing that the work on Mt Lebanon was still progressing, not only in educating the children, but also in the Elevation of the people of that country, by introducing them into an acquaintance with the Holy Scriptures, and through this and other instrumentalities bringing them to a Knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The subject of the Erection of a "Training Home for Girls" on Mt Lebanon, which was introduced into our Meeting last year in weakness and

with trembling faith, has, through the help of the Lord in moving the hearts of the people, not only among us, but in other portions of our country, been successful, to our admiration! the amount necessary for its erection has been procured, in which Friends of your Yearly Meeting have liberally aided. In addition to this our Committee has received from a lady friend of the cause, the munificent sum of $1000. "for the education of Syrian girls in Syria". We hope that by the beginning of another year the building will be ready for occupancy. Truly the work is the Lords. Let His name be Magnified.

The Reports on the Freedmen, on Bible Schools, on Education, and on the Indians have been of unusual interest; all the Committees have been continued for further service.

The attendance upon this Meeting has been quite large, many in the younger walks of life participating in the discussions upon the subjects brought before us.

We have been favored to conduct the Business in great harmony and brotherly love, and we feel that we can say that it has been good for us to be here.

May you and we, live so near to the Lord that whatever we do may be done to His glory and to His praise.

In the love of the Gospel we bid you farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall

Clerk

To North Carolina.

Dear friends.

We are made to rejoice as we have listened to your fraternal greeting that comes to us at this time, speaking so hopefully of the future prospects of the Lords work among you, and so forcibly reminding us that we have one common interest and "that one is our Master even Christ."

At the opening of our Annual gathering we were highly favored with the presence of the Great Head of the Church, solemnizing our hearts, humbling us before Him, and girding us with strength for the duties that lay before us.

A goodly number of the Lords Messengers from other Yearly Meetings are present, and as we entered upon the consideration of the state of Society, as set forth in the answers to the Queries, many words of encouragement were spoken and

wise counsel given under the anointing power of the Holy Spirit and we cried out in the words of the Prophet, "Oh Lord, revive thy work".

The Report from Bumana was very interesting and we are stimulated to increased activity as we learn of the good work being done there, and of the anxious desires of many for a saving knowledge of Jesus. The subject of Temperance claimed our attention in an especial manner, and we are deeply impressed with the feeling that the Lord's children should not only be temperate, but wholly abstain from all that intoxicates or defiles the body which the Lord hath purchased and the Apostle declares is the temple of the Holy Ghost.

When the Report of the Committee on Western Indians was read we were brought into deep sympathy with them as we listened to a recital of some of the great injustice that has been done them, but we praise the Lord that his Holy Spirit has touched so many of their hearts enabling them to forgive as they have been forgiven and anointing some of them to preach the ever blessed Gospel of salvation.

We are glad to speak of an increasing interest in Bible School work, but we cannot rest satisfied while so many are perishing for the want of the Bread of Life.

Our Boarding School at Providence has been greatly blessed by the continued presence and power of the Holy Spirit working in the hearts of the pupils and many are made to rejoice for sins forgiven.

May the Lord preserve, guide and strengthen you for all His work, that He may be glorified through you, is the prayer of our hearts. Farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Ohio.

Dear friends.

Your acceptable Epistle of last year has been received and read at this time with much interest. These annual missives of love are always strengthening, they encourage us to hold fast that which is good and are instrumental in building us up in the most holy faith, uniting us

more firmly by the bonds of christian fellowship.

We are glad to learn of the Missionary work in Mexico, and we would encourage you to persevere in your endeavors to spread the light of Christs kingdom among a people who of late have shown unmistakable evidences that the Holy Spirit is being poured out upon them, and that their hearts are being prepared for the reception of Gods truth. Go on, Teach them the value of human life. Teach them to live for the glory of God, for the happiness of others as well as their own. Seek Divine aid in doing away with the superstition that has so long pervaded that land, thus lead them out of gross darkness into the glorious light of the Gospel, for the command has gone forth from our blessed Savior, "go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

We are glad to learn that the different branches of Christian work in which you are engaged are all prospering, Such as Home Missions, Indian Affairs, Scriptural, Educational Schools &c.

We two are engaged in these and other Kindred works, which we believe are owned by the Master. May we all be careful that, while we are laboring in different positions in the Lords vineyard we do not neglect our own little gardens; and let us be watchful that noxious weeds do not spring up there; that we weed out all petty jealousies as they appear, that love to God, and love to man may grow instead.

We have many of the ambassadors for Christ with us at this time, their teachings have been with power, and we believe they have found lodgment in many hearts.

We have been enabled to transact the business of the Church with great harmony, and the various weighty matters that have come before us, have been disposed of, we believe, under the guidance of best Wisdom; and we feel to bless His Holy Name for the manifestation of His presence among us.

In the same spirit of love with which we salute you, we now bid you farewell. Be strong, be of one mind, and may the God of love dwell and abide with you forever.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Indiana.

Dear Friends.

Our loving Father in Heaven has again permitted us to meet in this City as a Yearly Meeting and we praise His name, not only for the kindly greeting which we are in receipt of from you, but also for the messages of love received from the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

These fraternal greetings of interest and sympathy, are precious and strengthening to us, as tokens of our Lord's continued loving favor, binding our hearts more closely together in the bond of Christian fellowship.

We have been favored at this time with the company of a number of the Lord's messengers from other Yearly Meetings including your own. And we can truly adopt the language in your Epistle "that the Gospel has been proclaimed amongst us in the "demonstration of the spirit and of power.

Salvation through repentance toward God, and faith in our Lord Jesus, has been taught with clearness and simplicity, and the high privilege, which is ours, of being made perfect in Love, through the purifying power of the Holy Spirit, has been brought home to many hearts.

Encouraging Reports have been received from our workers in Home and Foreign Mission fields, and while we may not see as great immediate results in fruit from our home work as we would desire, we trust that the Lord will bless the seed sown, and, in His own time bring forth fruit to His glory.

We believe the Lord is richly blessing the efforts put forth on Mt. Lebanon, Syria, and a work in the conversion and uplifting of the people is steadily going forward. We believe that the fruits already reaped, are but a foretaste of the mighty results - the ingathering of souls — yet to be realized in those lands under

the wonder working power of God. It will doubtless be gratifying to You to learn that the Normal Institute at Maryville, Tennessee, under the care of our dear friend William P. Hastings continues in a prosperous condition, and while rejoicing at the proposed munificent gift of $25.000. to that Institution by our dear friend George Stinge, of England, we feel our responsibility increased in having this Trust placed in our hands.

The religious interest prevailing among the pupils of our Boarding School at Providence, is cause of heartfelt thankfulness. The earnest labors in that Institution of our dear friend Allen Jay, (of whose intention to leave we learn with deep regret,) have been signally owned and blessed of the Lord, and we praise His name, that under the precious gospel teaching they have received, so many of our youth are being brought out into the sunshine of God's love and are steadily deepening in the Divine life. "Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel who only doeth wonderous things". And blessed be his glorious name forever.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Western.

Dear friends.

We have at this time received and read your kind Epistle of Ninth Month last, and can respond with willing hearts to the expression therein, that "one is our master even Christ and all we are brethren", and being brethren in the Lord Jesus Christ, we shall, as expressed by you, transact "the business of the Church that comes before us" in "much harmony and brotherly love. We have been favored to conduct our business so that we can say "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

You hardly need reminding, that if we dwell in the love of the Father and the Son we shall love one another and be strengthened to perform in an acceptable way all our duties, whether they relate to the common concerns of life or the one to come, and may you with us be blessed to know what to avoid and what to do, that this love may dwell in us richly, harmonizing the Church, and imparting

strength to labor for the promotion of the Kingdom of Christ in our hearts and among men.

As believers, let us encourage one another to have true faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and in His promises, then we shall know His promised Spirit to open our eyes to see that in Him we are complete and no longer need the offerings practiced under the law nor the divers washings by water which were only a type of good things to come.

The various Missionary enterprises in which we are engaged, are evidently a blessing to those for whom they were instituted, and a blessing to us by keeping our hearts open to the wants of others.

Our labors on Mt. Lebanon are prosperous. Liberal contributions for the Training Home for Girls, have been received, and the house is now being built; much to the delight of those for whom it is intended.

Our Schools in North Carolina are flourishing, and manifest tokens appear of their usefulness to Friends and others.

The Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville is no less favored. Over fifty students in the past year have been in the Normal Class fitting themselves for Teachers; and Seventy-two of its former students have been engaged in teaching in several of the Southern States; and it is encouraging to know that while they are advancing in their studies, some of them are deepening in Christian experience.

The School at Providence is prosperous and a great blessing to many, not only in the culture of their intellect, but many are being induced to submit their hearts unto the Lord, and ask Him to grant His good Spirit to go with them through life, to preserve them from the evil that is in the world and in their own hearts.

And now may the love of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit dwell in our hearts, giving strength to labor and peace to enjoy. Brethren in these things farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall

Clerk

To Iowa.

Dear friends.

As brethren beloved in the Lord we salute you. Our coming together at this time has been to us a season of comfort and encouragement.

Your acceptable Epistle of 9th Month last has been read in our Meeting, with similar testimonials of brotherly regard from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

We highly prize these fraternal greetings believing they tend to that oneness for which the Savior prayed.

The Ministry which we have had in our Meeting at this time, has been for definite work.

We desire that all may receive the clear Teaching of Christ, "Ye must be born again," and be fully prepared to say we know that we have passed from death unto life" because we love the brethren". Love is the proof of our discipleship, by this we are judged by those around us.

The Holy Scriptures are increasingly dear unto us — we believe God has designed through them to bless the world. Our members continue to feel a lively interest in our Bible Schools.

Entire sanctification by the Holy Spirit through the blood of Christ should be our aim, and we rejoice in believing that many do realize this and hold blessed communion with Jesus through the means he has provided.

We have been encouraged to increased diligence in all our Christian efforts, in our family devotions and in the attendance of all our religious Meetings. That a living travail should be ours, remembering the promise, "as soon as Zion travailed she brought forth her children"

The principles of our Society are increasingly dear unto us, and may we promulgate them by a daily walk with God. "Thou hast fully known my doctrine and manner of life" said Paul to Timothy, thus the Apostle could commend his doctrine by a living example.

From the report of our Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence, we learn

that there is much of a religious Element manifested among the students,— in this we rejoice.

Our Meeting has been well attended and many subjects of intiest have come before us— That relative to our labor on Mt. Lebanon has had a large place with us.

We have been favored to transact all the business that has come before us in much harmony— the Lord be praised.

Our prayer is that all our members with yours may be so brought to Christ as to say "we joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ by whom we have now received the atonement.

With the salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

To Canada.

Dear friends.

We rejoice in the privilege now granted us of acknowledging the reception and our appreciation of your Epistle of Sixth Month last year; and we are reminded in perusing it that there is a near relationship existing between us.

That although living under separate government and owing allegiance to distinct National authority yet through faith in Christ, there is no difference in our moral obligations; we are one in Him, "baptized by the one spirit into the one body" and together recognising the government of the "King of Kings and Lord of Lords"

How precious the thought that the same unslumbering Eye, watches over and guards His people everywhere, that the same Lord of the harvest, who sends His ambassadors to us to proclaim the glorious gospel of life and salvation, is none the less interested in your needs, and sends into your fields while unto harvest, those whom He blesses in gathering sheaves into His garner. We rejoice with you in the prosperity of the Lords work within

your borders during the past year. We congratulate you upon having within your limits an Institution for the education of your children, that Pickering College, although in its infancy is in successful operation, and we with you desire that you may soon witness an earnest religious interest among the pupils of the School, for most assuredly those only are prepared for life's great responsibilities, who in addition to thorough mental culture are learners in the School of Christ.

In assembling together again as a Yearly Meeting, our hearts have been tendered before the Lord, who has enabled us to see Eye to Eye and to perform the business that has engaged our attention in harmony.

Deficiencies have been brought to view, but the unanimity of interest in the cause of Christ; the desire for a deeper work of grace which prevails, is an assurance that the remedy will be seen and applied.

Encouraging reports have been received from the Committees having charge of our Missionary, Bible School, and Temperance work; and the report of the Committee having the care of our Boarding School at Providence is very satisfactory. The religious interest which has been so encouraging there for several years among the pupils continues unabated.

Our statistics show that nearly 100 of our members have exchanged worlds during the past year; quite a number of them were far advanced in life; and some of them had long and faithfully labored in the cause of Christ. Such events remind us all that the opportunity to labor in the great harvest field will soon close and impress upon us the injunction to "work while the day lasts, for the night cometh wherein no man can work"

Let us unitedly act upon the exhortation of the Apostle "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm C. Nantucket
Clerk

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To Kansas.

Dear friends.

Your Epistle of Tenth Month last has been received, and with others read in our Meeting. Bringing you again to our affectionate remembrance, warming our hearts in the love of the Gospel, and in the sweet feeling, that we are brethren and co-workers in winning souls to Christ and in building up the Church Militant on earth; through the aid of the blessed Holy Spirit.

Our hearts rejoice with you at the evidence of our dear Masters kind care and love, in sending forth his anointed laborers amongst you. We too have had again to acknowledge, that He is ever ready to provide for all our needs; and we have been made glad in receiving many of His servants amongst us, whose labors in the Gospel have been much to our encouragement and comfort.

Our Meeting at this time has been quite fully attended, and an evidence of increasing interest appears manifest amongst our members, old and young; encouraging and cheering oneanother in their labors of love for the upbuilding of Zion.

The different subjects, concerning the work of the Church have claimed our attention. That of education in which we are heartily interested and united, having its important place. Our Educational Institutions are in a prosperous condition. We are cheered by the report from our Boarding School at Providence that a very lively religious interest is manifested by many there. Teachers and scholars are giving evidence of a consecration to their Master, causing us to rejoice in the future usefulness of our beloved Society which must result therefrom.

We rejoice with you in the grand success of the workers in the cause of Temperance in your State. Stand firm Brethren in the Lord; Many eyes are looking to you with deep interest and with strong desires that you may be able to hold the advantage gained.

the work of [illegible] and Foreign Missions is increasing on our hands, and is being entered into by many of our members in a feeling of love for the cause. Oh that the time may speedily come, when all will serve the Lord in that love which prompts a willing service.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth L. Comstock is here, to present the cause of the colored Refugees in your State, may her efforts prove successful not only amongst us, but with their many other warm and interested friends in New England not of our Society.

A cheering prospect has pervaded our Meetings, warming our hearts and giving continued evidence, that the Lord will withhold no good thing from those who love him.

And now brethren, from hearts warmed and filled with the love of God we close. "Be of good cheer; be of one mind in the Lord, and may the God of all consolation keep and preserve you unto the end. Farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Bimana Monthly Meeting of Friends. Mount Lebanon.
Dear friends.

Your welcome Epistle of Fourth Month last, has reached us, the reading of which has brought you again into loving remembrance, with the desire that grace, mercy and peace may be multiplied among you.

Let us as Church members and fellow-heirs in Christ Jesus, heed the Apostolic injunction, "Let love be without hypocrisy". "Living in love as dear children; and if any among us be overtaken in a fault, may we strive to restore such an one in love, so shall the God of love and peace be with us".

Our Foreign Mission Committee have made a satisfactory report of the work done on Mount Lebanon the past year.

We take this opportunity to give the workers in that distant field a word of cheer and would bid you good speed in the Lord. By and by ye shall reap if ye faint not.

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Joseph Arbuley of Sook el Gurb, now of Tennessee United States of America, with his son Nasif, has been with us at this time, they have told us of some of the difficulties that impede Missionary effort in your land, and they also assure us that the Lord is blessing the work and the workers.

Our Committee appointed for Missionary work among the Indians, the aboriginal inhabitants of this country, and living until within a few years in a savage state, has made a cheering report, showing that more than 100 of this hitherto benighted people have become members of our Society, and cordially accept our view in relation to all wars.

About 5.000.000 of the inhabitants of this country are colored people of African descent, amongst these is found a wide and open field for spreading the Gospel.

Brethren and sisters pray for us. May the blessing of the Highest be with you. Farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William O. Newhall } Clerks

Minutes 1882

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport, R. I., commencing on Seventh-day Sixth Month 10th, 1882.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, Viz:-

From Rhode Island — Thomas Harkness, Samuel R. Buffinton, Hiram Buffinton, Asa Sisson, Obadiah Chace, Thomas B. Buffum, William H. Perry, Stephen Chace, Benjamin F. Knowles, Charles D. Kenyon, Richard S. Peckham, Nathan Chace and Robert P. Gifford.

From Salem — Albert C. Hill, Daniel C. Maxfield, Owen Dame, Olney T. Meader, Daniel Beede, William C. Newhall, Eyre Hawkes, Charles H. Jones, Moses F. Rogers, Herod Chase, James P. Boyce, Alvin Hoag and Joshua Buxton, Jr.

From Sandwich — William C. Taber, Matthew Howland, David Kelley, David S. Wood, Stephen R. Wing, Meltiah Gifford, John F. Tucker, William Thompson, Richard Davis, Jr. Gideon Gifford, Joseph Ewer, James M. Tripp, Ephraim Gifford, Nathaniel Howland, and George Howland, Jr.

From Falmouth — George Douglas, Timothy Hanson, Silas H. Eastland and Charles Nichols.

From Smithfield — Richard Battey, Alfred Briggs, Jonathan F. Southwick, Abel C. Munroe, John B. Daniels, Calvin R. Rockwood and Thomas A. Wheeler.

From Vassalboro — Eli Jones, William H. Coates, Alfred H. Jones, Caleb Jones and John Jones.

From Dover — William P. Tuttle, Timothy B. Hussey, Samuel Buffum, Albert C. Buffum, Eli Meader and Oliver Meader.

From Fairfield — Charles M. Jones, George Richardson, Isaac Warren Hawkes, Henry Winslow, Levi Jones, Joseph E. Briggs, Isaac Winslow and Paul Wing, —

whose names being called, they were all present except eleven, for the absence of five of whom, sufficient reasons were assigned.

3. Having at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Rebecca Collins and Alexander M. Purdy of New York Yearly Meeting; James R. Jones from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Caroline E. Talbot

from Ohio Yearly Meeting; John P. Pennington, Amos M. Ke
worthy, Micajah M. Binford, Ephraim M. Jones and Barton K. Jon
from Indiana Yearly Meeting; satisfactory testimonials ha
been presented and read, expressive of unity with them as
Ministers, and with their present religious engagements
amongst us.

4. We have also the acceptable company of Agnes Ann
Bryson, a member of the Select Meeting of Edinburgh
Two Months Meeting, within the compass of the General
Meeting for Scotland and London Yearly Meeting; Rufu
and Ruth C. Hazard of Perisburgh Monthly Meeting,
Vermont, accompanying Caroline E. Talbot; Franklin
S. Blair, an Elder of New Garden Monthly Meeting, N.C.
accompanying James R. Jones; G. Dillwyn Baily, a mem
ber of Spiceland Monthly Meeting, Indiana, accompanyi
Amos M. Kenworthy; H. Katie Devol, a member of Moreau
Monthly Meeting, New York; and Amy R. Wilbur, accom
panying Rebecca Collins, a member of New York Monthly
Meeting; satisfactory testimonials from their respective
Meeting have been presented and read.

5. Our beloved friends, Martha S. Stanley, an Elder,
and Lydia Maria Stanley, a Minister, in the course of
a social visit within the limits of this Yearly
Meeting, are also acceptably in attendance of this
Meeting, and have presented a minute from Damascu
Monthly Meeting, Ohio, which has been read.

6. Our beloved friend James E. Rhoads of Philadelphia
who is in attendance of this Meeting in the interest
of the Indians west of the Mississippi, and on behalf
of the Associated Executive Committee of the several
Yearly Meetings, has been warmly welcomed.

7. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendanc
of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings, with returning
Minutes, if way should open for it, is referred to the
following Friends, Viz.:—William C. Taber, Eli Jones
Henry T. Wood, William Thompson, Benjamin F. Brown
and Timothy B. Hussey.

8. Truly acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of
Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and

Ohio have been read in this Meeting to our comfort and satisfaction. We have also received Epistles from Indiana, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings; also, one from the Monthly Meeting of Brumana, Mt-Lebanon, the reading of which is deferred to our next sitting. We appoint the following named Friends a Committee on Correspondence to prepare, as way may open, Essays of reply thereto, and for such other Yearly Meetings as are in correspondence with us, viz.:— Daniel C. Maxfield, Charles H. Jones, Mellick Gifford, John Ellwood Paige, Isaac Winslow, Robert P. Gifford, David S. Wood, John J. Tucker, Oscar J. Morse, Samuel Buffum, Gideon Wood, William T. Collins, Benjamin F. Knowles, William Jacob, John B. Daniels, Isaac Warren Hawkes, N. Hervey Wilbur, Albert Jones and A. Chalkley Collins.

9. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz.:—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that the hour for holding the Morning Meeting for worship on First-days, at Providence, is changed from 10.30 to 11, A. M. Phebe S. Anthony, an Elder, and member of Swansea Monthly Meeting, died 4th Mo 24th 1882, aged 75 years, 10 months and 23 days.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that the Preparative Meeting at West Newbury has been joined to Amesbury Preparative Meeting, and the Mid-week Meeting discontinued for the present. The Meeting at Seabrook, which has been held monthly, is now wholly suspended as a regular Meeting, and placed in care of a Committee, with permission to hold Meetings there at such times as in their judgment seems best. Elisa B. Boyce, an Elder, and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died 5th Mo 11th 1882, aged 74 years, 8 Mos and 18 days; Newell Ordway, a Minister, and member of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, died 2nd Mo 7th 1882 aged 71 years, 7 months and 10 days; Sabina A. Paige, an Elder, and member of Weare Monthly Meeting, died 7th Mo 11th 1881, aged 67 years, 9 months and 28 days; and that it has united with Weare Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Herod Chase to the station of Elder.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Jane S. Fisher, and with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appoint-

ment of Melliah Gifford to the station of Elder. Mercy T
Wing, a Minister, and Member of Sandwich Monthly Meeti
died 7th Mo 13th 1881, aged 87 years, 5 Months and 2 days; Presbu
Wing, a Minister, and member of the same Mo. Meeting
died 12th Mo 16th 1881, aged 66 years, 3 months and 12 days;
Betsey Akin, an Elder, also a member of the same Meeti
died 12th Mo 18th 1881, aged 83 years 10 months and 6 days;
William R. Taber, a Minister, and Member of New
Bedford Monthly Meeting, has been released from mem
bership in our Society, upon his own request; Mary
Taber, an Elder and member of the same Monthly Meeti
has removed beyond the limits of this Yearly Meeting.
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that Robert Goddard,
an Elder, and Member of Durham Monthly Meeting,
died 7th Mo 25th 1881, aged 80 years 1 month and 3 days;
John Douglas, an Elder, and Member of Windham M
Meeting, died 7th Mo 12th 1881, aged 53 years, 4 Mos and 14 day
That George Douglas has been appointed correspondent
of Durham Monthly Meeting in place of Nathan Douglas
resigned, address, Lisbon Falls, Maine; Calvin S. Goddard
has been appointed correspondent of Falmouth Monthly
Meeting, address, Woodfords, Maine: Silas H. Cartland ha
been appointed correspondent of Limington Monthly
Meeting, address East Parsonsfield, Maine.
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has
united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in the appoint=
ment of Caroline C. Earle and Mary R Hadwen to the
station of Elder, and with the same Meeting in ac=
knowledging the gift and approving the Public
Ministry of Saloma C. Wheeler; Lydia B. Coe, a Minister
and Member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, died
8th Mo 15th 1881, aged 88 years, 6 mos and 2 days; Ruth
Holden, an Elder, and member of Bolton Mo Meeting,
died 8th Mo 31st 1881, aged 86 years, 3 mos and 13 days:
Timothy K. Earle, a Minister, and Member of Ux-
bridge Monthly Meeting, died 10th Mo 1st 1881, aged
58 years, and 10 months; and that James G. Arnold
has been appointed correspondent of Uxbridge
Monthly Meeting, address, Worcester, Mass.
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has
united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in
acknowledging the gift and approving the

public ministry of J. Warren Starkey, and with China Mo Meeting in the appointment of Phebe W. Bean to the station of Elder; Maria Nichols, an Elder, and member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, died 3rd Mo 16th 1882, aged 72 years, and 6 months. Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William P. Tuttle and Lydia M. C. Tuttle to the station of Elder. Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Howard B. Wyman, and in the appointment of Jonas Butterfield and Christina Butterfield to the station of Elder; and with Winthrop Mo Meeting in the appointment of Isaac Jan to the same station; Cyrus Estes has been appointed correspondent of St. Albans Monthly Meeting, address St. Albans, Maine.

10. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid or directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their proportions of stock called for last year.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.— Met pursuant to adjournment.

11. George Howland, Jr., on behalf of the representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William C. Newhall for Clerk, and Timothy B. Hussey and Daniel C. Maxfield for Assistant Clerks; which nominations being severally approved, they are appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

12. Epistles from Indiana, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings and from Brumana Monthly Meeting were now read.

13. We appoint Charles D. Kenyon, John H. Crosman, Gideon Wood, Charles W. Goddard, Alfred Briggs William H. Cates, Joseph H. Pratt and Paul Wing a Committee to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and present it at our next sitting.

14. We appoint William T. Collins, Owen Dame, David S. Wood,

George Douglas, Richard Battey, Caleb Jones, Samuel Buffum and Isaac Winslow a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of Money to be raised sufficient to defray the Expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year and to propose a Friend for Treasurer, also one for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds.

15. The Committee entrusted with the care of the Boarding School at Providence, have presented their Annual Report, which has been read and is satisfactory to us. The labors of the Committee, the faithfulness and devotion of the officers and teachers, the comparative exemption from sickness at the Institution during the past year, and, above all, the evident blessing which has marked its progress, are gratefully appreciated and acknowledged.

Report of the Boarding School Committee.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The School Committee have again the satisfaction of reporting that the School under their care has made good progress in its work, and is, as we believe, fully up in its results to the standard of any previous year.

In the early part of the year, there was in the house one case of Scarlet fever, from which the patient recovered; and one of diphtheria, that of Walter Raby, of Beverly, N.J., which terminated fatally. He died 11th Mo 3d 1881, from this disease, which was contracted before he came to the School. He was a youth of good promise, of upright conduct, and exemplary in the discharge of his duties and obligations as a member of the School. His mother was with him during his sickness. Since which, the health of the inmates has been, with a few slight exceptions remarkably good.

The number of scholars in attendance has been greater than during the previous year, viz;:- for the Autumn Term 96 boys and 81 girls; and for the Spring Term, 106 boys and 77 girls.

Since our appointment, we

have to report the death of one of our members, Timothy K. Earle, who deceased 10th mo 1st 1881. Although not many years a member of the Committee, and during most of the time in feeble health, whenever with us he took an active interest in matters pertaining to the School, and manifested that interest by efforts to promote its usefulness and efficiency. His memory is precious to us.

At a meeting of the Committee held 9th mo 13th 1881, "from information received from the Principal in his communication to us at that time, he was called in, when he informed us that Ella J. Wheeler, a friend of the Institution, had offered to donate to the Yearly Meeting the sum of $30.000 in trust, the income to be applied to the payment of board and tuition of pupils in the School, under certain conditions as described or set forth by him.

The subject received the thoughtful attention of the Committee, and resulted in the appointment of a Sub Committee to take the subject into their careful consideration; ascertain whether or not the acceptance of the trust will conflict with the tenure of the property and funds now held by the Yearly Meeting for the benefit of the School, and report their judgment thereon at an adjournment of the Meeting, to be held on the 27th inst."

"At the adjourned Meeting held 9th Month 27th, the Sub-Committee appointed at our last Meeting, relative to the proposition made to our Principal by Ella J. Wheeler, of Boston, to convey by deed of trust to our Yearly Meeting the sum of $30.000, the income to be used for the education of children at this Institution as set forth therein, have given attention to the subject, and report—

"That upon careful examination of the early records of the Yearly Meeting, the proceedings of the School Committee in the organization of the School, and also the several deeds of trust and Endowment in its behalf, we find nothing in conflict with the purpose of the trust now under consideration, or which could be endangered by its acceptance, subject to the approval of our next Yearly Meeting

On behalf of the Committee

Henry J. Wood

Providence 9th mo 27th 1881"

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The Committee after mature deliberation accepted the trust, subject to the approval of the Yearly Meeting, and authorised the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting to receive the money, receipt for the same, and with the assistance of Thomas Harkness, Treasurer of the School Fund, to invest it, subject as before to the approval of the Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk is directed "to present to the Representative Meeting, at its next session, the articles of agreement as proposed between the donor and the Yearly Meeting; also a copy of our minute accepting the trust, and ask of that Meeting the privilege of using such income as may accrue upon the fund prior to our next Yearly Meeting, for the purposes set forth in said articles of agreement" which was done, and the privilege asked for was granted by that Meeting.

At our Meeting 11th Mo 1st 1881, the attention of the Committee having been called to the propriety of investing some portion of our funds in building houses for rent on some portions of our unoccupied land, the subject was referred to a Committee to report their judgment thereon to a future Meeting.

At the Meeting, 4th Mo 4th, the Committee made the following report, viz.:—

"To the School Committee

The Sub-Committee to whom was referred the proposal to build some houses for rent, upon the School lands, for the purpose of increasing the income of the School, have carefully considered the subject, and are united in the opinion that the time has nearly come when that experiment should be tried.

But as there exists in the minds of a few of the Committee at large some doubts as to the authority of the School Committee to change any of the invested funds belonging to the School, without the express direction of the Yearly Meeting, we do not feel that any practical result can be reached till that question is settled.

We would therefore suggest that this matter of changing investments by the School Committee, should be submitted to the Yearly Meeting in our next Annual Report, for final decision, so that the Committee may hereafter know precisely what their authority and duties in that respect are.

We are of the opinion that the School Committee should be charged, if they are not so already, with the full powers of Trustees, in regard to every invested fund belonging to the School; for a crisis may occur in almost any investment when instant action may be needed to prevent loss.

No trust of this kind can be safely and wisely administered unless those in immediate charge have full power to act promptly and finally.

C. T. Coffin
J. H. Chace } Committee
J. O. Inman

Providence 4th Mo 4th 1882."

The following list comprises the names of the officers of Government and Instruction for the Year ending 6th Mo 27th :—

Augustine Jones, A. M. Principal, and Political Science.
Walter S. Meader, A. B. Governor, and English Studies.
Susan S. Moore, Governess, " " "
Thomas J. Battey, A. B. Natural Science.
J. Myron Potter, A. M. Higher Mathematics.
Seth K. Gifford, A. M. Greek and Latin.
Henry Wood, Ph. D. English Literature and German (Autumn Term)
John H. Gifford, A. B. Assistant-Governor.
Benjamin W. Wells, Ph. D. English Literature & German.
Jean E. Guilbert, French.
Albert A. Stanley, Instrumental Music.
Bessie T. Wing, French, History and Literature.
Mary Amy Collins, English Studies.
Mary E. Holder, Reading and Elocution.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Lizzie C. Perry, Secretary and Book-Keeper
Alice M. Jones, Librarian.

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The income and payments on the Yearly Meeting School Fund, by the Treasurer's account, have been—

General Fund.

Income for the year	$6.186.24
" from funds in hands of Yly Mtg Treas.	45.00
Received from return insurance premium	207.50
	$6.438.74

Payments.

Paid insurance premium	$533.50
" Augustine Jones, Principal	5.905.24
	$6.438.74

Chantable Fund

Balance on hand last year	$1.001.56
Income on Fund	2.313.48
	$3.315.04

Payments—

Paid school bills	$2.375.00
Balance to new account-	940.04
	$3.315.04

From the account of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, we learn that he has received, including

Balance on hand last year	$37.35
From dividend on Bonds	45.00
" sale of 4 Bonds by order of Committee	4.600.00
	$4.682.35

And that he has paid

Thomas Harkness, Treasurer of School Fund	$ 45.00
Augustine Jones on his draft-	4.246.41
For printing and record book	2.85
Balance to new account	388.09
	$4.682.35

The accounts of the Principal present the following items of receipt and expenditure:—

Income from board and tuition	$38.972.91
Rec'd from George Howland, Jr., Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, from "Philip J. Tripp Fund"	100.40
Do Do Do Do Do "Elisabeth Fry Fund"	582.50
Rec'd from Thomas Harkness Treasurer of School Fund	5.905.24
	$45.561.05

Expenditures.

Salaries of Teachers and Officers	$12,142.79
Provisions	14,105.64
Wages for labor and servants hire	6,122.32
Repairs and replacements, including renewal of Plumbing and laying of water pipe extension	5,504.42
Fuel	1,771.25
Light	957.95
Water	454.48
Library and Periodicals	309.21
City tax on School property for 1881	2,848.40
City of Providence betterment assessment, Brooks St,	754.50
Incidentals, including Medicines and postage	337.70
Remaining to credit of account	25.39
	$45,561.05

The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School remain the same as last year, viz.:—

For Members of our Yearly Meeting $125.00

" " " other " " " , or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting $225.00

For all others who may be admitted $300.00

One half payable at the commencement of the year, and one half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of Ten dollars, each, to be made for one years instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German or Drawing.

With feelings of gratitude and thankfulness to our Father in Heaven, for the many mercies and favors vouchsafed during the year, we conclude, commending the Institution, with its varied interests, to His continued regard and protection, to the fostering care of the Yearly Meeting, and to the patronage of parents, and others having children under their charge, for whom they desire a guarded education.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee

George Howland, Jr., Clerk

Boarding School, Providence
5th mo 30th 1882.

Note.— The Autumn Term begins 9th mo 6th, 1882, and closes 3d mo 21st 1883. The Spring Term begins 3d mo 28th 1883, and closes 6th month 26th 1883.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, on the 1st of 8th month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund, should apply at the time above specified.
All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, Augustine Jones. Friends Boarding School Providence. R.I."

Upon careful consideration of the endowment of the sum of 30.000 Dollars, as explained in the Report; this Meeting accepts the Trust thereby created, to be designated as the "Elisabeth Ivy Fund" which fund is to be kept separate and distinct from other funds of the Institution. Our Treasurer is hereby authorised and directed on behalf of this Meeting to ratify and confirm the deed of Trust interchangeably with the donor, and to sign the same and affix the Corporate seal of this Meeting thereto.

16. As it is desirable and important that some persons should have authority to act in cases of donations to the School when this Meeting is not in session, it is now decided and agreed, that hereafter the School Committee, for the time being shall have power and authority to accept donations bequests and trusts in the name and behalf of the Yearly Meeting, made for the use or benefit of the Boarding School, such donations not being incompatible with previous trusts or with the objects of the Institution; and also, to make and execute all papers needful therefor in the name of the Yearly Meeting. And our Treasurer is authorised and directed to sign, seal and execute in the name of the Yearly Meeting all papers and documents needful by said Committee in the acceptance of such trusts, the Womens Yearly Meeting concurring.

17. We have also considered at this time the propriety of giving to the Committee in charge of the School the management of the funds belonging to the Institution, and we now conclude to authorise and empower the Committee, in future, to take the special charge of investing and re-investing all funds and property now belonging, or that may hereafter belong, to the School. And the Treasurer of the School Funds and the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, are each directed to inform the Committee fully, upon request, respecting the investment of all School Funds in their hands, and make such changes in any and all investments as the Committee shall direct, and pay and turn over all such property and funds upon the order of such Committee.

Our action at this time, in giving to the School Committee, for the future, authority to accept Gifts and donations for the School, and also to invest and manage the funds of the Institution, is taken with the desire of aiding the Committee, and adding to its efficiency; but with the intention, nevertheless, of withdrawing this authority, and again resuming the direct control of the Funds and property, should the Yearly Meeting, at any time, deem such a course desirable or proper, the Women's Yearly Meeting uniting herein.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock Second-day Morning

Second-day Morning, the 12th inst. The Meeting again assembled.

18. An Epistle from Western Yearly Meeting received since our last session, was now read and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

19. Upon further consideration of the Report of the Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence, presented at our last session, we conclude to present to Ella J. Wheeler the following Minute of acknowledgement

of her generous donation, viz.:—

Upon the information received, and the acceptance of the munificent endowment in the cause of education made by Ella J. Wheeler of Boston, a feeling of gratitude pervaded the Meeting on behalf of the interesting class for which this donation was intended, and the Clerk was directed to inform the generous donor of its considerate appreciation of the gift; and of our desire that the Divine blessing may rest upon this endowment and its donor.

20. We appoint Wm H. Peny, Obadiah Chace, Albert C. Hill, John Ellwood Paige, David S. Wood, Matthew Howland, George Douglas, Charles W. Goddard, Richard Battey, Jonathan F. Southwick, Caleb Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Albert C. Bissum, Ira S. Jenkins, Isaac Warren Hawkes and Paul Wing to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends, to propose at a future sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to whom the care and interests of the Institution may be committed the coming year.

21. The following statistical information has been received from our several Quarterly Meetings:—

	Number reported last year	Error in last year's report gain	Error in last year's report loss	Births	Deaths	Moved in	Moved out	Admitted	Released	Gain	Loss	Present Number
Rhode Island	700	7	0	4	11	9	9	6	5	1	0	701
Salem	671	2	0	5	13	5	2	6	14	0	11	660
Sandwich	743	0	0	5	20	0	1	9	4	0	11	732
Falmouth	612	0	1	7	7	13	10	15	5	12	0	624
Smithfield	426	0	0	1	14	2	0	4	1	0	8	418
Vassalboro	492	3	0	2	5	1	5	2	2	0	4	488
Dover	302	0	0	2	5	1	0	12	0	10	0	312
Fairfield	453	1	0	3	6	3	3	4	5	0	3	450
Total	4399	13	1	29	81	34	30	58	36	23	37	4385
Total Loss											14	

22. The account from Salem Quarterly Meeting contains a request that our Discipline, respecting

the prompt forwarding of certificates on behalf of such of our members as may remove from one Monthly Meeting to another, may be more carefully observed in future.
While there may be instances in which the sending of a certificate of removal may be, for some reason, impracticable, yet we judge it a most fitting introduction of any Friend to his new home and to the Meeting in which he has chosen to reside, and we would again commend this ancient practice to the observance of our several Monthly Meetings.

In this connection we would urge upon Friends the importance of extending very early to those (and especially to the young) who may come among them from other Monthly Meetings, such a warm and loving welcome, as may be not only highly beneficial to such in a religious sense, but will bring them at once into useful relations to the church where these may come.

23. The following proposition was received from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, Viz.:— "That the Yearly Meeting be held at Portland, Maine, next year;" with which this and the Women's Meeting unite.

24. Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting proposes That that Meeting be held in the Second Month, at East Vassalboro, instead of Vassalboro. This and the Women's Meeting unite in granting their request; the change is accordingly made, and the Clerk is directed to inform them of this decision.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, met pursuant to adjournment.

25. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the State of Society, as presented in the Answers to the Queries. After the reading of which we were favored with much pertinent counsel, and words of warning as well as encouragement, were lovingly bestowed.

We were reminded, that to draw our young people and others into our Meetings, the Meetings must be

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made attractive, more so than any place of public resort; that they should be soul-feeding places, where the table of the Lord is kept continually spread, and all are invited to partake freely of the provision of Zion. That this might be the case, all were encouraged to faithfulness. The Church needs power, and she will have power in proportion to her purity, or as one dear friend remarked, "The secret of power is closet with God."

To meet the needs of to-day, there must still be a free Gospel ministry, and also a free congregation. Those that have, by the blessing of the Lord, been drawn in must be made useful in the Church; they must be made to feel that they have a part in the matter, by having special work laid upon them.

The benefit to be derived from holding Evening Meetings, wherever practicable was set forth, that those might be reached, who through the day absented themselves from the place of worship.

The sin of detraction was largely dwelt upon. Christians make too free use of their tongues. The prayer of David was revived — "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth" "Keep the door of my lips;" also, the language of James, that "The tongue is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison". No other thing militates more directly against spiritual power in individuals and the Church than this. Varied and subtle are the means employed by Satan to induce professed followers of God to indulge in this pernicious practice. Ministers frequently have their usefulness greatly lessened if not altogether destroyed, by the unguarded remarks of those who, it may be, hold high offices in the Church. Sinners have been brought under conviction through the preaching of the gospel, have often stifled that conviction on hearing the servant or service sharply criticised by those who profess to be Christians. Can a fountain send forth at the same time both sweet water and bitter?

The difficulties in the way of the Church were clearly pointed out. If the Church — the Bride — should come forth clean-handed and pure-hearted, she would not then be torn by internal discord, neither would there be backbiting within her borders, but in lowliness of mind each would esteem others better than themselves. The grand

panacea for all the ills of the Church & the loss of [illegible].
The evil influence exerted by some of our members by the improper use of intoxicating liquors was forcibly presented. No distinction is to be made between liquors and kinds of liquor. Our testimony is against everything that intoxicates. A [illegible] relating to our condition as a body of [illegible] in it was evidently a season of very close searching of heart, for which we render thanks to our Heavenly Father, and humbly pray that the word which we reverently believe has come forth out of His mouth, may not return unto Him void, but that it may accomplish that which He pleases, and prosper in the thing whereto He has sent it.

Summary - Answers.

Answer 1st. — All our Meetings for religion, worship and discipline have been regularly held, except forty, which were mostly omitted on account of a severe snow storm, rendering the roads impassable, and one small Meeting in each of two Quarterly Meetings, omitted a part of the Year; those on First-days have been generally attended by most of our members, while Mid-week Meetings are more neglected. The hour is nearly observed, Mostly clear of unbecoming behavior.

Answer 2nd — Love and unity are maintained by nearly all of our members. Detraction is guarded against - except by a few. When differences arise, endeavors are used to end them.

Answer 3d — Most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and endeavor to train up their children, and those under their care, in accordance with our Christian profession.

Answer 4th — We think most Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures, both individually and collectively in their families, and encourage their children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty. Our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry with slight exception is maintained.

Answer 5th — The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is, we believe, carefully avoided by Friends, with twenty-two exceptions, and a few not enumerated. Some of our members are not as careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character as would be best.

Answer 6th — The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and their necessities are relieved. Some care is taken to find them suitable employment. The education of their children is attended to.

Answer 7th – With a very few exceptions, Clear in the several parts of this Query.

Answer 8th – Careful in the several parts of this Query with a few exceptions.

Answer 9th – Our records appear to be attended to with one exception. A few removals without certificates. Some care taken.

Answer 10th – Care is taken to administer the discipline with Christian tenderness and impartiality, but some deficiency in timely dealing. Judgment has been placed, we believe, in the authority of Truth, and in accordance with the discipline.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 O'clock.

Third-day Morning, the 13th.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

26. We have at this time the acceptable company of Joseph Stanley, a Minister from Ohio Yearly Meeting, with credentials from his friends at home.

27. The joint Committee on the subject of Education have presented their Report, which has been read. The care and interest manifested by them in the important subject committed to their charge, is acceptable to this Meeting, and in again entrusting to the same Committee this great concern, we bespeak for them and for its object the hearty co-operation and the encouragement of the Yearly Meeting.

Report of Committee on Education.

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee on Education report that they have given attention to the subject.

An Educational Conference was held at Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro, Me. Third Month 10th 1882, more especially in the interest of that Institution. It was clearly shown in the exercises of that Meeting that the School had, through many years, sustained a high reputation, and had accomplished a very large amount of educational work with quite limited

means. It had been its method to adhere closely to the essentials in education.

The beautiful and accessible location, the number of intelligent and promising children within its influence, who have not the means of expensive education, and the ever increasing demand for denominational schools, forcibly suggest the need of generous endowment, and an excellent opportunity for Friends with the far seeing purpose of Moses Brown or Dr Joseph W. Taylor.

We called attention in our Report last year to the organisation formed in the interest of education among Friends in America. The Second Annual Conference of the Educational Association of Friends in America, for the Eastern Department will be held at the Boarding School at Providence, beginning the 29th instant. We believe that great benefit will result from the interchange of views on this important subject between Friends from different Yearly Meetings; and that the good derived will reach beyond the information obtained from the questions considered, since acquaintance will be extended, friendship increased, and mutual confidence promoted.

The Elizabeth Fry Fund of $30.000, donated to the Boarding School this year, by a person not connected with Friends, charges us with a new and interesting share in the great work of educating the people at large. The dona says, "I am pleased with your simplicity, directness and thoroughness. I have confidence in the Society of Friends, and for these reasons I commit this trust to you."

These words bear to us an earnest lesson in faithfulness, both to the letter and spirit of trusts; they confer a great responsibility which we cannot escape, and which reaches far down to those who will succeed us.

The awakening in Education everywhere in the Society of Friends constantly extends our usefulness and ought to call forth our heart-felt recognition of the Divine Source of every good and perfect gift.

On behalf of the Committee Eli Jones
Augustine Jones
Charles H. Jones
John Ellwood Paige

Committee on Education

Augustine Jones, Caroline Jones of Deering; Me. Anna T. Hall, Eli Jones, Myra E. Frye, John Ellwood Paige and Charles H. Jones.

28. The Committee appointed for that purpose have presented the following named Friends to constitute a School Committee the ensuing year, who are approved, Viz.:— Charles F. Coffin, George Howland, Jr., Levi Jones, William C. Taber, Timothy B. Hussey, Samuel R. Buffinton, Henry J. Wood, Richard Battey, William C. Munroe, James H. Chace, James C. Inman, John F. Tucker, Peter M. Neal, Benjamin F. Knowles, William T. Collins, Charles B. Cates, Augustus F. Cox, Ellen K. Buffum, Sylvia G. Howland, Ann B. Earle, Hannah J. Bailey, Rachel S. Howland, Hannah B. Sawyer, Rebecca Shaw, Mary E. Jenkins, Anna G. Wood, Deborah W. Crossman, Abby S. Battey, Elizabeth H. Austin, Sarah F. Tobey, Esther Jones, Caroline C. Earle, Rebecca H. Smiley, Lydia C. Neal and David S. Wood.

29. The Joint Committee on Foreign Missions, presented a Report of their labor during the past year, and of the progress of the work on Mt Lebanon in Syria, the principal field of its operations. Again we feel bound in gratitude to acknowledge, that the Divine blessing has crowned their work, and that the liberal contributions of Friends of this and other Yearly Meetings have enabled them to say that, "the top-stone of the Training Home for Girls has been laid". This concern is the more interesting to us, from the conviction that the baptisms and sacrifices attendant upon the work have been a means of grace and strength to this Yearly Meeting in labors at home. We again entrust the charge to the same Committee for another year. We offer our hearty congratulations to our dear friends of London Yearly Meeting as the principal actors in this field, and crave the sympathy and aid of our friends and the blessing of the Lord upon the work. The request of the Committee for an appropriation, is referred to the Committee on Finance. The sum of three Hundred and nineteen dollars was collected by voluntary contribution during this session. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees, to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Joint Committee on Foreign Missions present the following Report, viz.:— From information received we think the various departments of work at Friends Mission, Mount Lebanon, have been successfully prosecuted during the past year. Meetings for worship have been regularly held at Brumana, with an average attendance of 120. A Meeting has been held at Mansourieh of late, attended by about 20 persons. Bible Schools have been sustained at Brumana, Beit-Mary and Mansourieh, and well attended.

Three Bible Readers have been employed in Brumana, and in some of the other villages, who read to the untaught people the Sacred Scriptures, and tell them in simple language of the way of salvation by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Week-day Meetings and Monthly Meetings have been regularly held. Several applications for membership are before the Monthly Meeting. Considering the previous education of the applicants much care is exercised in the acceptance of members.

The education of some three hundred children in the several schools of the Mission has been carefully supervised by Ibrahim Tasso in frequent visits to the Day-Schools and in teaching classes in the Boys' Training-Home, the students in the Home number thirty-two. Of these several study English as well as Arabic, and are giving promise of future usefulness.

The erection of a large and substantial building of stone with tiled roof, for a Girls' Training Home, has drawn largely upon the time and attention of Theophilus Waldmeier during the past year. The house is now nearly ready for its occupants, the much-neglected daughters of Lebanon and vicinity, and has been erected at a cost of nearly four thousand dollars. This expense has been met by the liberality of Friends and others in America. Members of several of the Yearly Meetings on this continent have generously contributed in aid of the work.

The English Committee who are associated with us in the work upon Lebanon say in their Report of this year "The plot of ground on which the home is built was purchased and presented to the Mission by our dear friend Maria Fortham, when at Brumana in the early part of last year. The English Committee undertook the cost of furnishing, and special funds adequate for the purpose have been contributed chiefly through the efforts of our Women Friends".

Maria Pelham, who is a Minister of the Gospel, and whom we believe to be well qualified for the place, has offered to take charge of the Home as matron. It is intended to open the Institution the coming Autumn. The estimate cost to each pupil is set down at Sixty-five Dollars.

A Mothers Meeting has been carried on through the Year under the direction of Susan Waldmeier. They meet twice a week, and it is believed that many of the mothers have derived great benefit from attending these Meetings.

We deem it safe to conclude that no part of the work at the Mission is likely to be of more lasting benefit to the people in its vicinity than the Medical Department, under the care of Dr. Beshara and his associates. More than four thousands patients have received kind attention at the Dispensary and one hundred others have been cared for at the Cottage Hospital, with slight exceptions, until convalescent. A member of the English Committee writes, "Ellen Clayton has entered herself as a 'probationer' at one of our London Hospitals for the purpose of qualifying herself to take charge of the Brummana Cottage Hospital. She has made a daily study of Arabic ever since her visit to Syria, and is now able to read the New Testament in that language. When in addition to these indications of her self-denial, thou learnest that she proposes to take no remuneration from us (having property of her own), thou will see that we have cause to thank our Heavenly Father, who puts it into the hearts of His children to take part in the good work going on in the East."

In addition to the $750.00 appropriated by the Yearly Meeting, $1250.00 have been raised by subscription. With these sums we have been able to meet the current expenses of the year, and take pleasure in remarking that a larger number of Friends of our own Yearly Meeting have come forward with funds in aid of our Foreign Mission work than on any former occasion.

Women Friends of Western Yearly Meeting have formed themselves into a Foreign Mission Society, and are taking a lively interest in the work which

ment, and have already forwarded funds for the education of a pupil at the Girls Training Home. A similar movement has been initiated in Iowa Yearly Meeting. Friends of New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore Yearly Meetings have also manifested cordial sympathy, and have liberally aided in the work. May the blessing of the Lord attend them.

We would ask that the Yearly Meeting continue this work under the care of a Committee, and appropriate $800.00 for this purpose, and that the subordinate Meetings be encouraged to assist in obtaining funds for the remainder of the expenses. And may all be for the glory of the Lord and the advancement of His cause.

On behalf of the Committee

Susan J. Thompson Clerk

Newport, Sixth Month 12th 1882

Treasurers Report-

1881	Receipts	
Sixth Month-	Balance from old account	155.18
Ninth "	Amt Rec'd from Yearly Meeting	750.00
1882 Sixth "	" " " all other sources	1,238.75
		$2,143.93

Payments

1882	Amount paid Theophilus Waldmeir	1,955.75
	Balance to New account-	188.18
		$2143.93

Fund for Training Home for Girls on Mt Lebanon, in account with George Howland, Jr., Treasurer of Committee on Foreign Missions.

Receipts

1881		
Sixth Month.	To Balance last year	$2.588.51
Seventh "	Amt Rec'd from Western Yly Mtg	45.35
	" " " New York " "	33.15
	" " " Baltimore " "	163.02
	" " " all other sources	123.56
	For scholarships - from Conference of R.I. Quarterly Meeting $60. from Womens Foreign Mission, Western Yearly Meeting $75.	135.00
		$3088.59

Payments

	Amount sent- Theophilus Waldmeir	2,429.50
	Balance to new account-	659.09
		$3088.59

The balance of $659.09, with $1000 reported last year in the hands of the Committee for the Education of Syrian Females in Syria makes the amount now in the hands of the Committee, $1659.09

George Howland Jr
New Bedford 6th Mo 8th 1882. Treasurer of Committee

Committee on Foreign Missions.

Eli Jones, Rebecca H. Smiley, Abby S. Bailey, William Thompson, Susan S. Thompson, Harriet N. Jones, George Howland, Jr. Sylvia G. Howland, Albert C. Buffum, Henry T. Wood, Anna G. Wood, Obadiah Chace, Benjamin F. Knowles, Sarah W. Tobey, Augustus F. Cox, Eliza P. Varney, Harriette D. Collins, J. Warren Hartley, Mary W. Jones, Celinda Metcalf, Wm H. Beale, Abbie M. Harris, Timothy B. Hussey, Eli Jepson, Charles M. Jones, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Moses Sawyer, Rachel S. Howland and Huldah H. Leighton.

30. The Clerk of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders has laid upon the table the following Minute and the Certificate prepared by that Meeting, which was read; the Minute is as follows:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

Our beloved friend Eli Jones has been liberated by this Meeting to perform a religious visit to the islands of Great Britain and Ireland, the Continent of Europe, and to Palestine and Syria, as set forth in a certificate granted him by China Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting.

Alfred H. Jones
Newport, R.I. 6th Mo 13th 1882 Clerk

Much unity and sympathy were expressed with and for our dear aged friend, in the prospect of this arduous undertaking; for which he has been fully liberated. And our prayers have been raised for him, and will follow him, that the Lord's will may be done in all things. We appoint the following named Friends a Committee with whom he may confer in reference to the prosecution of his visit, Viz:— Henry T. Wood, Benjamin F. Knowles, Joseph E. Briggs, George Howland, Jr, and Timothy B. Hussey.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon — assembled pursuant to adjournment.

31. The Joint-Committee on General Meetings and the Gospel service have now presented a Report of their labor during the past year, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and we conclude to continue this important, interesting work under the care of a Committee; and believing that usefulness would result from a new appointment, we conclude to set apart our friends, Levi Jones, Eli Jones, William Thompson, Olney T. Meader, Henry T. Wood, William H. Cates, Charles C. Varny, Charles H. Jones, Rebecca H. Smiley, Rachel S. Howland, Phebe C. Wyckoff, Eliza S. Pierce, Elmina B. Huffman and Hildah S. Huffman, to produce at a future sitting the name of Friends to constitute a Committee to whom this concern may be entrusted the coming year, and we greatly desire their encouragement.

Report of Committee on General Meetings.

To the Yearly Meeting.

We, your Committee on General Meetings, and other Gospel work, submit the following Report:

Series of meetings of longer or shorter duration have been held at Bolton, Allen's Neck, New Bedford, Westport, Salem, Smith's Neck and Somerset, in Massachusetts; at Maple Grove (Aroostook Co) and China, in Maine; at Weare, Hennikin and Sandwich in New Hampshire. A number of the Committee have also visited a large proportion of the Quarterly and many of the particular Meetings within our limits. Many of these were especially blessed, and the results are very encouraging. We trust the work is still going on.

In the prosecution of this work we have been signally aided by several Ministers from other Yearly Meetings, for whose services we feel thankful, and for the blessings attending their labors.

In presenting this report we much regret that more has not been done; but some of our members have been called to labor in other Yearly Meetings, and some from sickness, and other causes, have been hindered from much active work under this appointment. The work at Maple Grove, Aroostook Co. Maine, was, we believe, a means of blessing to Friends and others in that isolated outpost; and there is an urgent need of further labor in that field.

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In Salem, Ma., a quiet and loving, yet earnest, work of several months has been done, and the Master has owned and blessed it.

Labor was begun in Boston at the commencement of the year and has been continued up to the present time with encouraging results. After the close of our last Yearly Meeting in Portland, the work was continued there for three months or more by some members of the Committee, with increasing interest in both Meeting and Sabbath School.

The needs are still great, and we would recommend a continuance of the work under the care of a Committee, and in doing so we would ask for the prayerful sympathy and co-operation of the entire Yearly Meeting in this work, the importance of which cannot be fully estimated by us. There is great need throughout the Yearly Meeting of more earnest workers, who shall not only be willing to do the will of God, but take delight in forwarding this interesting work. We believe this need would soon be supplied, if all the professed followers of Christ amongst us were fully consecrated to His service, and sufficiently appreciated their privileges under the Gospel.

May each one be willing to plant and to water, looking unto God, who will surely give the increase.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Com.

Hannah J. Bailey. Secy.

The sum placed at our disposal in aid of this work was	$ 831.27
To which has been added	19.00
	$ 850.27
Expended during the year	$ 480.25
Leaving in the hands of the Committee	370.02
	$ 850.27

32. The Joint Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians west of the Miss. River, have presented a Report, which has been read.

The work of civilisation, and of Christian instruction and Gospel teaching, appears to have been blessed during the year. We again entrust to the Committee now under appointment the charge of this interesting field of labor, and desire their en-

comagement in the work. The proposition for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report of Committee on Western Indians.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Indian Matters reports that they have co-operated with the Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs, representing the several Yearly Meetings.

There are now three Friends acting as Indian Agents, who were nominated by us, Viz:- John D. Miles at the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency; Isaban J. Miles, at the Osage Agency; and Jacob L. Kaler, who has just entered upon duty as Agent for the Sac and Fox Agency. These Agents have about 10,000 Indians under their charge, all of whom are making a slow but steady advance in civilization and self-support.

Six Government Boarding Schools, and two Day-Schools, with about 700 pupils enrolled, are under superintendents and teachers who are Friends. Five Friends and the wives of four of them have been engaged in the religious instruction of the Indians for the past year, and there are 143 Indian members of the Meetings gathered under their care, and by Friends who have preceded them in their respective fields of labor.

In the Quapaw Agency, where Asa C. and Emmeline H. Tuttle taught and labored so long and with so much devotion, there is a Monthly Meeting, called "Grand River Monthly Meeting," with four Preparative Meetings, which have been regularly set up during the past year. This Monthly Meeting has 133 members of whom 21 are white people, resident among the Indians, or admitted into their tribes by marriage. This is an increase of 53 since last years Report. Of the Modocs, who now number only 96, there are 64 members of Meeting, and 75 attended the Bible School last Winter.

Steamboat Frank continues to grow as a Minister; now reads the Bible pretty readily; knows the Gospel by experience; can teach and preach it; and understands the principles of Friends.

Many of the Senecas in the Indian Territory have been converted during the past two years under the ministry of Jeremiah Hubbard and other Friends, although, during the century in which they have been in contact with white people, they

have wholly withstood the teachings of Christianity.

Two Day-Schools have been started by Friends among the Shawnees, near the Quapaw Agency. Meetings and Bible Schools are kept up at these stations, and at another called Russell Creek, in the same district. These Meetings have already been blessed with conversions, and it is probable that with a few years a Preparative Meeting will be established at one of these points.

The Mission among the absentee Shawnees in the Sac and Fox Agency, under the care of Franklin Elliott, and largely supported by New York Yearly Meeting, continues to prosper; its Meeting has 31 members, a gain of four since last year. It has had its trials — severe ones — during the year, but is again peaceful and hopeful in its state. John Clinton, a member of this Meeting, has a gift in the ministry, and is likely to be a useful preacher.

Jonathan Ozbun steadily continues his labors among the Osages, has a Bible School started at the Rogers settlement, and may, within a year, organize a Meeting at that place. Ervin B. Saber succeeded Elkanah Beard as religious teacher at the Cheyenne Agency, and has labored faithfully under great difficulties, during the past year. He reports that many of the young people in the Boarding School appear to be Christians, so far as they yet know, and readily accept Christian teaching.
Though there are many imperfections in the work, there is much to encourage us to press forward in it, thankful for the blessings of the past, and seeking wisdom to perfect the work which has been begun.

From the bequest made to this Committee by our late friend, Lemuel Gifford, the following appropriations have been made during the year:-

Toward the erection of a building for Mission purposes at the Cheyenne Agency	$50.00
Remittance in aid of Ira D. Kellogg and family at Quapaw Agency	50.00
Towards the expense of an addition to the Mission House at the Quapaw Agency	50.00
Leaving in the hands of the Committee	56.13

The Associated Executive Committee asks the Yearly Meeting to appropriate the sum of $3000. for the ensuing year. The quota of this Yearly Meeting is $510. We recommend that this amount be appropriated.

On behalf of the Committee

Henry T. Wood

Sixth Month 13th 1882 Ellen R. Buffum

Committee on Indian Affairs.

Henry T. Wood, Anna C. Wood, John F. Tucker, William C. Newhall Ellen R. Buffum, Sarah Caroline Tobey, Susan Peckham, Mary W. Jones, Elisabeth H. Newhall, Rebecca Anthony, Eli Jepson, Elizabeth K. Hoxie, John J. Frye of Portland, Myra E. Frye, Thomas J. Batley, Sarah W. Goddard, Hannah T. Jenkins, Joseph E. Briggs and Thomas B. Buffum.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Fourth-day morning the 14th.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

33. The Joint Committee on Home and Foreign Missions have presented their Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and we now release the Committee from further service, viz.:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Joint Committee continued from last year to consider the proposition of our late beloved friend, Stanley Pumphrey, for the organization of an American Board of Home and Foreign Missions, have had the subject under consideration.

The formation of such an association does not seem best to us, and we would propose that the subject be dropped from our Minutes for the present, and the Committee released from their appointment.

For the Committee,

Rebecca H. Smiley

Newport 6th mo 13th 1882.

34. The Report of the Joint Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen of the South has been presented,

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which, with the Report of the condition of the Freedman's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tennessee, made by its Superintendent, William P. Hastings, was now read.

The care of this Committee and especially the quiet pecuniary aid afforded by one of its number, as well as the advancement of the pupils under their charge are very satisfactory at this Meeting. We again refer this subject to the same Committee, with the exception of our late dear friend, Moses Bailey, and the substitution of Joseph E. Briggs. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report of Committee on Freedmen.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The deeply interesting work of assisting to elevate the Freedmen by giving them a good Christian Education has been pursued by your Committee and the Principal of the School with unabated interest.

The School was opened under the care of Wm P. Hasting in 8th Month last, with seventy eight pupils. This number continued to increase, until the 4th Month following, when the enrollment was 209, a small gain over the preceding year.

One of your Committee visited the School last Spring, and was much pleased to find the students well behaved and apparently earnest in the acquisition of knowledge and thankful that so much was being done by their friends to fit them for usefulness. One of their number, expressing himself to his fellow students, said, they would be very unworthy of the help received, unless they showed their gratitude by making the best use of the assistance given.

During the Winter term the importance of living a Christians life thoughtfully pervaded the minds of many of the pupils; and the conviction of 17 of their number ripened into a belief that they would find help in forming a Christian character by uniting with Friends, and accordingly applied for membership and were received into our society, making the total number of colored people belonging to Maryville Monthly Meeting, sixty four.

It was deeply interesting to witness

the intelligence manifested on the part of the colored teachers and pupils in the Sabbath School. The lesson for the day was where Christ reproved the Scribes for setting at naught by their "tradition" the command to honor Father and Mother. The minds of some seemed a little confused, not knowing in just what the violation implied by the "tradition" consisted. The comment of one of the teachers seemed to settle the point. He thought the honor required of children when young was to love and obey their parents, while they toiled for their children's support, and when the parents were old, the children with unabated love should care for them. The visitor thought but few, in so concise a manner, would have explained it better.

The new bell furnished for the School last year, after being used awhile, cracked; it was taken down and sent to the foundry in New York, and a new one returned at an expense satisfactory to the Committee, which in connection with an amount due the principal of the School, not covered by the appropriation of last year, has been paid.

The Committee regret, that for the want of means, we have been unable to cover the roof of the main building either with tin or slate; this repair is much needed to close the holes through which daylight and rain pass without much obstruction. If a few hundred dollars could be contributed, the covering of the roof would be done.

The friends of the colored man can but feel thankful to find the influence and usefulness of the Institution widening as is manifested in the annually increasing number of its former students who have been engaged in teaching; eighty, as reported were thus occupied part of the last year.

The following circular, with conditions for admitting students to the Normal Class upon the George Stuge Fund was sent out towards the close of the Fall term, and probably would have been more fully responded to, had circumstances favored its circulation earlier and more extensively.

George Stuge an English Friend and Christian philanthropist, has through a long life shown himself to be the colored man's friend by laboring for his elevation in the abolition of slavery, and now near the close of a useful life, has given to the Yearly

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Meeting of Friends for New England a fund, the income of which will enable the committee having charge of the Freedmen's Normal School at Maryville, Tennessee, to admit students on the following very favorable terms.

Fifty students, either male or female, having qualifications indicated below, who are willing to comply with the following regulations, may be admitted to the Normal Class, and have paid toward their expenses, seventy-five cents per week, or fifteen dollars for a full term of twenty weeks, the full price of tuition, etc, to be based upon the catalogue of 1881-82.

1st Age of applicants must be between fourteen and thirty years, inclusive.

2nd Applicants must have a good moral character, and be willing cheerfully to comply with all the regulations of the School.

3d Students admitted on this Fund must board in the buildings.

4th Students are expected to attend the Sabbath School, and other religious exercises held in the building, unless the Principal knows of some good reason for granting an excuse.

5th It is expected that students will remain members of the Normal Class, until qualified to teach district or common schools. And all are expected to teach such schools at least as many weeks as they have been in the Normal Class, receiving the benefit of this Fund.

6th Students will be admitted by the Principal, after a satisfactory examination, and, to make efficient teachers, they will be expected to assist the Principal in teaching as he may direct.

7th Students by teaching a full term in the Summer or Fall will find it more easy to enter the Normal Class the second and third time to receive the benefit of this Fund.

Forty Five students who responded to this circular, were admitted to the Normal Class, and attended, in the aggregate, Eight Hundred and twenty four weeks, and had paid towards their expenses, from the George Stuart Fund, six hundred and eighteen dollars. This time is equal

to the instruction of over twenty one students in the Normal Class for one year of thirty eight weeks each.

We are again reminded of the uncertainty of life in the recently passing away of our dear friend Moses Bailey, one of the Committee, long known and loved as an humble Christian, and a useful member of our Society, engaged in helping forward enterprises intended to benefit others, and using of his means to relieve the wants of the poor and needy.

May He, who watches over the sparrow, though of little worth, bless the loved ones left behind, and raise up others with hearts to find delight in doing good with their substance.

Your Committee would recommend an appropriation of Thirteen hundred dollars to be used for the benefit of the School.

For the Committee

B. F. Knowles

Newport 6th Mo 13th 1882.

Annual Report of the Freedmen's Normal Institute, Maryville, Tenn. From 8th Mo 22d 1881 to 5th Mo 19th 1882

Number of days taught	188
" Enrolled	209
Average daily	87¼
Number in Teacher's Training Class	81
" teaching in different States during the year	80
" of teachers sent out from the first	105
" " boarders in the Buildings	50
Cost of board to each self-boarder, per week, about	$1.
Whole number of boarders in the buildings and elsewhere	70
Number of Colored Friends belonging to Maryville Mo Mtg	64
" taught Arithmetic	205
" " English Grammar	148
" " " Composition	130
" " Geography	101
" " United States History	35
" " Book-Keeping	5
" " Algebra	12
" " Latin	12
" " Rhetoric	11

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The School has continued to prosper. By comparing the statistical part of this Report with those of former years, it may be seen that a larger number than usual are well advanced in the common branches.

The Sabbath School and regular Meetings of our Preparative Meeting of colored Friends have been kept up during the year. The Mid-week Meeting, on Fourth-day at Eleven O'clock have been small through vacation, however, as many of the members are students and do not reside in the neighborhood.

It may be noticed in the statistics that our membership has grown to Sixty-four. This increase is in consequence of having received Seventeen new members. Besides these, several who have not united with Friends have professed, for the first time, a living faith in the Lord Jesus.

This report is submitted with thankfulness for the Divine favor extended over us and our work, not only since our last Annual Report, but also throughout the whole course of our Eleven years labor among this people.

William P. Hastings
Principal

35. The Trustees of the George Stuart Fund now presented their first Annual Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and is as follows, Viz.:-
To the Yearly Meeting.

The twenty five consolidated first Mortgage Bonds of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. $200 each, due in 1905, bearing interest at 6 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, having been received and transferred upon the Company's books in Philadelphia, to the Trustees appointed last year by this Meeting. The Bonds were placed for safe-keeping in the vault of the Rhode Island Safe Deposit Co.

A deed of trust from our dear friend George Stuart has also been received, and the freedom given to the Trustees in the use of the income is satisfactory to them.

The deed was sent to the Office in

Philadelphia to be recorded according to law, but as it had not been certified to by a Notary Public in England, and he certified to by an American Consul as being duly appointed to that office by the British Government; the Minutes, returned it to be forwarded to George Stuge for the needed addition. It has been sent and will probably be returned to this country in a few weeks.

Forty-five students have been admitted to the Normal Class, who received help from the George Stuge Fund, upon conditions clearly set forth in the Report of the Committee having charge of the Freedmen's Normal Institute, at Maryville, Tennessee.

Finance Statement:

Received for coupons due 1st Month 1882	$727.50
Paid towards the expenses of 45 Students	$618.00
Balance on deposit in the Manufacturers National Bank in Providence R. I.	109.50
	$727.50

For the Trustees

Benjamin F. Knowles

Newport, R. I. 6th Mo 12th 1882

Trustees of the Stuge Fund

Benjamin F. Knowles, Samuel R. Buffington, Augustine Jones, Wiven Dame, Rebecca H. Smiley, Ellen K. Buffum, Susan J. Thompson.

36. The Committee on the proposition from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, etc, have presented the following Report, with proposed Constitution of "Meetings on Ministry and Oversight" and "The Duties of those Meetings" Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Joint Committee appointed by the last Yearly Meeting, to which was referred the proposition from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, "that our Discipline be so changed that Overseers, during their term of service, shall be members with the Meeting of Ministers and Elders" and to whose consideration was also referred "The whole subject of the Constitution of the Meeting of Ministers and Elders" Report, that they have given thoughtful attention to the subject, and that two Meetings of the Committee

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of five sessions in all, were held for its consideration.

Upon examination of the design of the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, in its origin, we find that it was two-fold, viz.:— First.— An inquiry into the religious state of its own members, more especially, whether they are preserved in love one to another, and, in life and conversation, adorn the doctrine which they profess, encouraging each member to a faithful occupation of the service and station for which he had been qualified and appointed. Second.— The important duty of a careful examination of the field covered by its organization, and a united endeavor, in the wisdom of Truth, to promote the spiritual life and growth of the body at large. This duty has, of late time, received but little attention from the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, yet, we believe, is is imperative upon that body. Acts XX–28.

The condition and needs of the several Meetings, especially the more isolated, and those requiring help and encouragement, claim the prayerful attention of these bodies, and, should it be found necessary, simple but orderly arrangements should be made by them for such frequent visitations, and other loving service as may seem fitting, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In the early days of the Society, no outward instrumentality was more systematic or more richly blessed than this organization of the "laborers" in the gospel field.

Looking at the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, as at present constituted, it does not appear to be well adapted to the whole service, which we believe the Church needs at its hands. Of the 341 members of this organization, less than one-sixth are under fifty years of age, and a considerable majority of the whole number have passed the period of sixty years.

It is, however, as we believe, a body sound in judgment, with much religious experience, and we would commend it to the loving interest and confidence of the Society.

With these convictions, the Committee also believe that in most of our Monthly Meetings will be found those who have not been recorded

as Ministers, or appointed as Elders, but who have experienced a new birth unto righteousness, and having made more or less progress in a religious life, with hearts warmed with love to Christ, are willing laborers in the vineyard of the Lord. A diversity of gifts may have been bestowed, and if they are concerned faithfully to occupy the talent with which they have been entrusted, they may be highly useful as laborers, and we believe they may be greatly helped by the care and counsel of those more deeply experienced in the work.

The Committee therefore, with great unanimity, concluded to recommend, to the Yearly Meeting the introduction of these, in considerable numbers to the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, in the belief that such action will be highly beneficial to the class referred to, and that it will materially add to the efficiency of that organization.

Upon careful consideration of the proposition from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, it did not seem best for the Committee to recommend the admission of Overseers, as a class, to the Meeting of Ministers and Elders.

The Committee leave with present such modification of our Discipline as they deem necessary, should the Yearly Meeting adopt the course proposed.

On behalf of the Committee
Eli Jones
Chairman

Fifth Month 1882.

Meetings on Ministry and Oversight.

The Meetings which have been known as Meetings of Ministers and Elders are henceforth to be constituted as hereafter mentioned under the designation of "Meetings on Ministry and Oversight". Recorded Ministers and appointed Elders are members of such Meetings.

There should also be appointed in each Monthly Meeting, other suitable Friends as members of these Meetings, who may be considered likely to prove helpful and to be themselves helped by association therewith. It being important that these Meetings should consist, as far as practicable, of individuals of varied ages, gifts and qualifications, care should be taken in making appointments in connection therewith, not to

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limit the selection to Friends in later life; those being appointed who, whether older or younger, give evidence of love to Christ and of attachment to the principles which we profess. The names of these are to be brought forward as in the case of the appointment of Elders, and the list shall be revised at least once in two years. They shall be in all respects members of the Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, but they are not to be considered as thereby having liberty to travel as Ministers. This appointment does not prevent them from being recognised as Ministers or Elders, if at any time their gifts may seem to warrant such proceeding.

Duties of Meetings on Ministry and Oversight:
It is recommended that the following paragraphs be read at least once a year in each Preparative and Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight:—

The subjects specified in the following paragraphs are especially commended to the care of Meetings on Ministry and Oversight; with any others which belong to the teaching and shepherding of the flock, viz.:—

The religious condition of the particular congregations within their limits, and whether the Meetings for worship are held to edification and to the honor of God.

The counsel, encouragement and help of those engaged in the work of the Ministry.

The making of arrangements for attending, from time to time, the particular Meetings within their limits, especially those in which little or no Ministry is exercised.

The visiting of the infirm the sick and the afflicted. The spiritual care of the children and young people who attend our Meetings, and the promotion of their religious and Scriptural instruction.

The propagation of the Gospel as way may open.

Queries of Meetings on Ministry and Oversight:
The four introductory Queries are to be read and

weightily considered but not answered.

The other three are to be answered in writing to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight and, in the Spring, to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Introductory Queries.

1st. Are you engaged to watch unto prayer that you may yourselves be preserved in humble dependence upon Christ, and in an earnest, religious exercise for the conversion of sinners, and for the edifying of the body in the faith and love of the Gospel?

2nd. Are you concerned faithfully to occupy the spiritual gifts entrusted to you, to the honor of God?

3d. Are your lives and conversation clean and blameless?

4th. Are your Ministers in the exercise of their gifts careful to wait for Divine ability, and are they thereby preserved from being burdensome?

Queries to be answered.

1st. Are you diligent in attending your Meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of your families?

2nd. Are you in unity one with another, and with the Meeting to which you belong, harmoniously laboring together in gathering unto Christ?

3d. Are you engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit; and are you careful not to misquote or misapply them?

The following advice should be read after the reading and consideration of the Queries and Answers.

It is especially recommended that Ministers and Elders watch over one another for good, that they help those that are young in the Ministry, discouraging forward spirits that run into words without life and power, advising against affectation of tones and gestures, and everything that would hurt their service; yet encouraging the humble, careful traveller, speaking a word in season

to them that are weary. And let all dwell in Him who gives ability to labor successfully in the Church of Christ, adorning the doctrine they deliver to others, being Examples to the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith and in purity.

The Report is satisfactory, and the recommendations of the Committee are adopted. And our several Quarterly Meeting are hereby directed, upon the receipt of this information from the Clerk of this Meeting, to inform their several Monthly Meetings of the action of this Meeting in the case, and that they take the necessary steps to carry out its provisions.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon, in separate sessions.

Afternoon - The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

37. The London Epistle for this year, addressed to this Meeting, is now received, and having been read is referred to our Committee on Correspondence.

38. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, Viz:-

The Queries were read in this Meeting, with Answers thereto from our several Quarterly Meetings, a summary of which the Clerk was directed to lay before the Yearly Meeting, with the accompanying Minute.

Answer 1st. With a few exceptions, Ministers and Elders are diligent in attending Meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of their families.

Answer 2nd. The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are in good degree clean and blameless amongst men. Nearly all our members are in unity one with another, and with the Meetings to which they belong, laboring harmoniously together for the honor of Truth.

Answer 3d. They endeavor to rule their own houses well, and, by example and precept, to train up their families in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our Christian profession.

Answer 4th. With some exception, they are preserved in love, and administer encouragement and counsel as occasion may require, in reference to ministry or conduct.

Minute of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders.

Entering upon an examination of this portion of our Society, the feel presence of the Lord was mercifully experienced to be the covering of our spirits; and grateful acknowledgments, and humble thanksgivings, were offered unto Him for His continued mercies and loving-kindnesses.

Much pertinent counsel and encouragement was given. Doing service cheerfully for the Lord as He lays it upon us, the Society will not die, but live, and grow, and abundantly increase, and go forward in the fulfilment of its Divine Mission.

We were reminded of our obligations respecting our households. What is that which we most desire to see in our children? — is it not the first dawnings of Christian life? and how essential is it to follow up this life in them with our counsel, our love, and our example. It is thus that these shall be kept, and grow up as calves of the stall, and as plants of the Lord's own right hand planting, and become fruitful in His field of offering, and joyful in His house of prayer.

We were instructed that we should be as solicitous to move under Divine ability as we are careful to wait for it; for the right performance of every presented duty; and, faithfulness in our smaller gatherings, shall we be better fitted for efficient labor abroad.

The offices of the Holy Ghost were clearly set forth, and we were reminded that He was not given alone for correct living, but in baptism of power for useful service in the great harvest field.

Alfred H. Jones
Clerk

39. We appoint our Friends George Haviland, Jr., Owen Dame and Benjamin F. Knowles in connection with Charles F. Coffin of Lynn (already so appoint-

ment), to act as Trustees, to hold and convey in behalf of this Meeting such parcels of real Estate as have been purchased in Washington, D.C., in efforts to benefit the Freedmen, and for which, title deeds have not yet been given to purchasers.

40. The Joint-Committee to promote the cause of Temperance in our Society and in the community at large, presented their Report. This important concern, has, we believe, received the faithful care and interest of the Committee during the past year. We are hopeful that within our own borders the practice of total abstinence is gaining ground and in the desire that as a body we may do our part in the work, we again refer the subject to the same Committee, with the addition of James P. Boyce, Lizzie T. Larkin and Alice W. Hawkes, for continued labor in this wide field of usefulness. The proposal for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Temperance, in presenting their Report feel that they have great cause for gratitude to our loving Heavenly Father for the marked advance in Temperance sentiment which is manifest throughout the Yearly Meeting.

The work of your Committee has been varied and wide-spread, from teaching little children, to lifting the drunkard out of the gutter.

About one hundred public Meetings have been held and attended; day schools and First-day schools have been visited, where plain, practical talks have been given the children on the effects of alcohol upon the system, and experiments illustrating this subject have been shown; and juvenile classes have been formed in several places, which hold weekly or monthly sessions.

Large Temperance Meetings have been held in some places in connection with the Quarterly Meeting with marked results for good, and the subject has also been brought before First-Day School Conferences.

State Conventions, Camp-Meetings and

other bodies convened in the interest of the Temperance cause, have been attended and addressed by different members of the Committee.

In some places where no public Temperance Meetings have been held, because those most interested have been so taught of God, that they have been willing to be led by Him to quiet; but at the same time very earnest work for the dear Master, very blessed results are already apparent; and the way is being opened for more public work by and by.

Your Committee, feeling deeply the need of impressing upon the minds of the young the necessity of forming correct habits, visited Friends School at Providence, to this end, and were warmly welcomed by the Principal and the scholars and teachers generally, every facility being granted that could be desired, and we believe the effort was blessed.

This Committee, being appointed to labor especially in the Total Abstinence cause, regret that the sentiment of the Yearly Meeting, as expressed in the 5th Query, falls so far below that principle, and would be glad to see the first clause of that Query so changed as to read; Do Friends abstain from the use of alcoholic liquors, except for Medicinal and Mechanical purposes?

Not the least part of our work has been the distribution of Temperance literature; and believing, as we do, that the alcoholic and narcotic stimulants go hand in hand, and that large numbers of our young people are led by the use of tobacco to form an appetite for alcoholic drinks; a good proportion of the literature used has been upon the subject of tobacco. We have scattered tracts and leaflets wherever opportunity has been afforded, sowing "beside all waters" looking for the sure fulfilment of the promise, and in many instances we have seen the fulfilment.

Your Committee, feeling that it is hardly possible to estimate the blessed results which follow the labors of a faithful Temperance Committee, have earnestly desired to walk with God in this matter, laboring under the guidance of the Blessed Spirit, remembering that "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it;" and we have sought to lay such a broad and solid foundation for future work, that the superstructure may stand to the glory of our God, in the re-

demption of the souls and bodies of men from the terrible curse of Intemperance.

As we advance, we see more of the actual needs of the work, and we earnestly recommend its continuance the ensuing year under the charge of a Committee, and that the sum of $200 be appropriated for its use.

Ezra Hawkes
Chairman

Mary A. Chase Sec'y pro tem.

Treasurer's Report.

Amount in hands of Treasurer last year	65.50
Rec'd. from Treasurer of New England Yly Mtg	125.00
" " other sources	1.30
	$191.80
Paid out by direction of the Committee and its Chairman	141.28
Leaving balance on hand of	50.52
	$191.80

John T. Chase
Treasurer of Committee

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Committee on Temperance — Ezra Hawkes, Chairman, Mary Almy Chase Secretary, John T. Chase Treasurer. Harriette D. Collins, Ellen K. Buffum, James R. Collins, Charles A. Chace, Elizabeth H. Valentine, John T. Tucker, William P. Macomber, Phebe B. Slocum, Hannah S. Wing, Augustus F. Cox, Esther Osborne, Charles W. Goddard, S. Jane Cox, Edward S. Hacker, Elizabeth N. Perry, Joseph M. Hanson, Alice Purinton, Lydia E. Sawyer, Samuel Buffum, James S. Read, Abigail Wheeler, Abby S. Battey, D. Wheeler Swift; William Jacob, Frank E. Jones, Lydia E. Frye, Hannah T. Jenkins, Isaac Warren Hawkes, Harriet N. Jones, Emeline Meyers, James P. Boyce, Elizabeth T. Larkin and Alice W. Hawkes.

41. The Committee appointed for that purpose, propose the following-named Friends to constitute a Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel Work, viz.:— Rebecca H. Smiley, William Jacob, Harriette D. Collins, Charles H. Jones, Susan T. Thompson, William Thompson, Anna G. Wood, Hannah J. Bailey, William

P. Macomber, Ruth S. Murray, Charles M. Jones, Emma L. King, S. Narcissa Jacob, Henry T. Wood, Charles C. Perry, Elizabeth T. Conklin, Rhoda S. Sylvester, Willie B. Slocum, Isaac Warren Hacker, L. Jones, Frank E. Jones, J. Warren Starkey, Elizabeth H. [illegible] E. Briggs and Timothy B. Hussey.

42. The Committee on Scriptural Instruction in First-Day Schools submitted a Report, which was now read, and is as follows, viz.:-

To the Yearly Meeting

In presenting to the Yearly Meeting the Report of another years work, the question arises how much has been done the past year towards increasing the interest in Bible study.

In comparing this years Reports of the Bible Schools with previous ones, we think the [illegible] is certainly increasing, and stronger religious influence manifested, for which we have cause to thank our Heavenly Father.

We think there is no instrumentality so well calculated to build up and strengthen our Meetings as Bible Schools, conducted under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, instilling Bible truths into the minds of our children, which, under this sanctifying influence, shall help to thoroughly furnish them for any work to which the Lord may call them.

Interesting Conferences have been held in all our Quarterly Meetings, except one; the good results of the teachings of earnest workers in them should encourage their continuance.

We regret that there are no schools in quite a number of our Meetings. By Reports received from our Bible Schools, we find there are 2,326 members, including teachers, of whom 1,138 are Friends, and the average attendance is 1,416.

Considering the great importance of this work, and its claims on the Church for its fostering care and aid, we recommend that it be continued under the care of a Committee, and the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated for its use.

For the Committee

William T. Collins

Mary J. Rogers

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Treasurer's Statement

Receipts

Balance from last year's account	$4.21
Amount received from Treasurer of Yearly Meeting	50.00
	$134.21

Expenditures.

Bible School literature	57.45
Library purposes	20.00
Printing, Expenses, &c	25.20
Balance in hands of Treasurer	31.56
	$134.21

William J. Collins

Treasurer.

The Report is satisfactory, and the application for an appropriation is referred to the Finance Committee.

In conjunction with the Women's Meeting, the following-named Friends are appointed a Committee to whom this important branch of Christian labor is entrusted the coming year, viz.: —

Olney T. Meader, Sarah A. Hill, William J. Collins, John F. Tucker, Charles W. Goddard, John Metcalfe, Caleb Jones, Samuel Buffum, Harriette D. Collins, Isaac Wanen Hawkes, Elizabeth A. Douglas, Saloma C. Wheeler, Mary R. Jones, Almira B. Buffum and Phebe Wing.

43. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by this Meeting.

44 The Committee on Mission Work in North Carolina and other States in the South, report as follows. The care and help bestowed appears to have been much needed, and gratefully received, and further aid seems necessary. We again refer this useful charity to the same Committee, with the exception of our late dear friend Moses Bailey, and desire their encouragement in the labor. The application for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report on North Carolina Mission.

To the Yearly Meeting

We, your Committee on Educational and Mission Work in North Carolina Yearly

Meeting, report that the labor has been continued there, during the past year, as successfully and satisfactorily to us as could be done with the means at our disposal.

On account of the unusually small appropriation of last year, the work in Tennessee was entirely abandoned, much to our regret. That in North Carolina has been continued, and we are glad to say that two of the Schools, which have been supported by us for several years, are now self-supporting, and two have been sustained with but little aid from us.

We have supported one School entirely, and have aided four. The School above mentioned, where the people were entirely unable to contribute to its support, is in Iredell County, and was taught by Fannie Carson, a most faithful and devoted teacher, who has been in our employ, since the first year of our appointment, five years ago. She has taught in the same neighborhood every year. Persons who have been there frequently, and know about the condition of things, both as they were at the beginning of the work, and are now, say that remarkable progress has been made. The children have been educated, and the people generally elevated. They are now ambitious to promote the improvement of their own condition. Quite a large Meeting and Bible School have been gathered, and a new house has been built to accommodate them. The School was continued five and one half months of the past year, with an attendance of 53 scholars, 27 of whom were the children of Friends.

Many poor people in these mountain districts of North Carolina suffered much the past Winter, on account of the drought there last year, which almost entirely cut off their farm crops. We have aided the most needy and destitute ones, as far as our means would allow, especially favoring large families, and the sick and afflicted. Some clothing has been sent from New Bedford Lynn and Winthrop; and it would touch the hearts of those who listen to this Report, if they could know the heart-felt gratitude expressed by the recipients of these and other favors bestowed upon them through this Committee, and could have heard the earnest prayers from them for blessings upon New England Yearly Meeting.

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In all the five Schools, which we have aided and sustained a part of the past year, there has been an attendance of 175 Scholars between the ages of 5 and 25 years, about half of whom were the children of Friends.

We hope the work will be continued under the care of a Committee at least another year, and that Three hundred and fifty dollars will be appropriated for its support, which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee

Hannah J. Bailey

Secretary

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts

1881 Sixth Month	Balance on hand	5.84
	Rec'd from L. D. Fan	10.00
	" " M. Sawyer	5.00
Eighth Month	" " Friend for Mission work	30.00
Twelfth "	" " Friends in Winthrop	20.00
	" " Yearly Meeting	300.00
1882 Sixth Month	Balance due Committee	1.08
		$371.92

Expenditures.

1881 Eighth Month.	Travelling expenses of teachers	10.00
	Paid families destitute and sick	73.75
Tenth Month.	Especial Mission work	30.00
	Tuition of poor scholars in writing	3.25
Twelfth Month.	Board of teachers	18.00
	Freight of clothing and other things	8.50
1882 Fourth Month.	Teachers salaries	217.50
	Books, Paper and Postage	10.92
		$371.92

For the Committee

Matthew Howland

Treasurer

Newport 6th Mo 12th 1882

Committee on Mission work in North Carolina.

Benjamin F. Knowles, Joseph E. Macomber, Gulielma Freeborn, Gertrude W. Eastland, Joseph S. Nichols, Matthew Howland, Sarah A. Holmes, George Douglas, Esther Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Alfred H. Jones, Elizabeth S. Frye, Mary R. Jones, Richard Bailey, Sarah Jane Swift, Joseph Taylor, Hannah J. Bailey, Albert G. Buffum, Lydia G. Tuttle, Rachel S. Howland, Charles M. Jones, Charles F.

Coffin, Rebecca Hoag, Moses Sawyer and Elizabeth K. Hoxie.

45. The Joint Committee to disburse the income arising from the Mosher Fund presented the following Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting

The Joint Committee appointed to receive and disburse the income of the Mosher Fund have during the past year, in addition to the purchase and distribution of a number of small books and tracts, also procured 350 copies of an English edition of the Memoirs of William Tanner, and 500 copies of the Memoirs of Christine M. Alsop, which have been nearly all distributed.

Our receipts and expenditures have been as follows:—

Receipts

Balance on hand last year	171.46
Received from C. F. Coffin on behalf of Trustees	450.00
" " " interest on deposits to 6th mo 1st 1882	3.83
	$625.29

Expenditures

Paid for 500 copies of Memoirs of Christine M. Alsop	251.00
" " 350 " " " " " William Tanner	174.21
" to members of the Committee for expenses	23.31
Balance on hand to new account	176.77
	$625.29

On behalf of the Committee

Samuel R Buffington

Rebecca H. Smiley

Newport 6th mo 14th 1882.

We conclude to appoint Obadiah Chace, Owen Dame, George Howland, Jr., George Douglas, Thomas A. Wheeler, Eli Jones, Albert C. Buffum, and Paul Wing a Committee to produce at our next sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to disburse the Income arising from the Mosher Fund.

46. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund viz.:—

Income Received

Balance from last year	1.51

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Amount brought ove	1,51
New Bedford Institution for Savings	25.47
Lynn Institution for Savings	45.48
Boston City Bond	500.00
	$572.46

Income Paid out

To the Publishing Committee	450.00
Income added to Capital	115.00
Balance of Income on hand	7.46
	$572.46

The Fund is invested in.

Boston 5% Registered Bond	10.000.00
New Bedford Institution for Savings	670.67
Lynn Institution for Savings	1,595.48
Capital uninvested	83
	$12.266.98

For the Trustees

E. F. Coffin

Lynn 6th Month 1st 1882. Trustee

47. Epistles to Ireland and Baltimore were read and approved.

48. The Committee on the subject of Peace have presented their Annual Report, Viz.:—

To the Yearly Meeting

The Joint Committee on the subject of Peace, Report: That beyond the circulation of some books and a considerable number of tracts upon this subject little has been attempted by us in the cause during the year. A good and interesting public Meeting was held in this house last evening, and it is encouraging to every sincere laborer in this field that the judgment of many of the thoughtful, the intelligent, and the observant is with him.

The sum of $38.88 reported in the hands of the Committee last year has not been expended.

For the Committee

Timothy B. Hussey

Susan T. Thompson

The Report is accepted by the Meeting. The Committee

now under appointment, is continued on this very important concern of the Yearly Meeting, and we desire their encouragement. Committee on Peace — Eli Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles C. Varney, Samuel R. Buffinton, George Richardson, Henry T. Wood, William Jacob, Susan T. Thompson, Gertrude W. Eastland, S. Narcissa Jacob, Rachel S. Howland, Abby S. Battey, Joseph H. Atwater and George Hussey Gifford.

Adjourned to 2 O'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth-day afternoon the 15th. The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

49. The Clerk is authorized to sign, on our behalf, the following Minute for our friend Rebecca Collins:- "Our beloved friend Rebecca Collins acceptably attended this Meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us". And similar ones for Alexander M. Purdy, James R. Jones, Caroline E. Talbott, John P. Pennington, Amos M. Kenworthy, Micajah M. Binford, Ephraim M. Jones, Barton K. Jones and Joseph Stanley.

50. The Clerk is authorized to sign, on our behalf, the following Minute for Agnes Ann Bryson:- "The company of Agnes A. Bryson has been acceptable to us". And similar Minutes for Rufus Haggard, Ruth C Haggard, Franklin S. Blair, G. Dillwyn Baily, H. Katie Devol, Amy R. Wilbour, Josephine Devol, Martha S. Stanley and Lydia Maria Stanley.

51. The Committee under appointment, in reference to the few members of our Society residing in the British Provinces, made the following Report, Viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed last-year to have charge of Friends in the British Provinces report, that some of our number have given attention to the subject, and although a portion of those Friends have become self-sustaining, the Committee feel that others will require continued care.

A small amount of the money appropriated for those requiring aid remains on hand, and we would recommend that a Committee be appointed, and fifty

dollars be furnished for future use.

On behalf of the Committee

George Richardson

Newport 6th mo 13th 1882. Sarah M. Richardson

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and we conclude to continue the Committee, with the substitution of Wm H. Beale in place of Eli Jones, to extend care towards those distant members as way may open. The subject of an appropriation is referred to the Com on Finance. Names of Committee Josiah Holmes, Jr., Benjamin F. Knowles, George Richardson, William H. Beale, Sarah A. Holmes, Sarah M. Richardson, Rebecca H. Smiley and Rachel S. Howland.

52. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude that the sessions of this Meeting in future commence on the Second Sixth-day of the Sixth Month, at 9 O'clock A. M. The Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held this day previous, and that the Public Meetings for worship on First-day be changed from 10 to 10.30 A. M and from 4 to 3, P. M.

53. The Committee appointed for that purpose propose the following named Friends to constitute a Committee to disburse the income arising from the Mosher Fund which is approved Women Friends concurring Viz.:- Henry T. Wood, Alfred H. Jones, John Ellwood Paige, Rebecca H. Smiley, Ruth S. Murray and Esther Jones.

54. The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, Etc, have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, Viz.:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The auditing Committee have attended to their appointment; and find the Treasurers acct. as below, Viz.:-

Balance from last year	2.772.64
For sale of copies of the Discipline	4.50
Fa loan at Merchants National Bank New Bedford	1.500.00
From the several Quarterly Meetings	4.000.00
From sale of Flint and Pere Marquette R R Bond	600.00
" interest on " " " " " "	24.00
" Eagle Bank, Providence R.I. dividend	80.00
	$8.981.14

Payments

Expenses at Portland, Sixth Month 1881	476.10
Insurance on Meeting-House at Newport	12.00
Bible School Committee	50.00
Committee on Temperance	125.00
" " Freedmen	749.99
" " North Carolina Mission	300.00
" to aid Friends in British Provinces	100.00
Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	425.00
Committee on Foreign Mission	751.00
Note and interest at Merchants National Bank	1,535.47
Printing London General Epistle	42.00
" Minutes of the Yearly Meeting &c	273.00
" Report of Com. on Traffic in Opium, &c	125.00
Recording Minutes and Epistles	65.00
Expressing, postage and Stationery	9.30
Deposited in Merchants National Bank for investment	600.00
Balance in Treasurer's hands	3.093.28
	$8,981.14

We find the accounts properly kept and vouched for. We recommend that four thousand dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and nominate George Howland, Jr., for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting; and Thomas Harkness for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds.

For the Committee

Newport 6th mo 13th 1882. Owen Paine

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of four thousand dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and George Howland, Jr., is appointed Treasurer; and Thomas Harkness is appointed Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed.

56. The Committee on Finance report as follows, Viz.:

To the Yearly Meeting.

We are united in recommending that the following appropriations be made, Viz.:—

Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	$10.00
Bible Schools	50.00
Amount Carried over	$560.00

Amount brought over	$560.00
Foreign Missions	752.00
Freedmen	1152.00
North Carolina Mission	300.00
Aid of Friends in British Provinces	50.00
Temperance	150.00
	$2960.00

For the Committee

Newport 6th mo 14th 1882 Owen Dame

The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the above appropriations are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for such sums as they may need in the prosecution of their various concerns, not exceeding the amount appropriated to each.

Standing Committee on Finance

For Rhode Island	Samuel R. Buffington	Smithfield	Richard Batley.
" Salem	Owen Dame	Yarmouth	Charles B. Cates.
" Sandwich	George Howland, Jr.,	Dover	Jacob K. Purinton
" Falmouth	Augustus F. Cox.	Fairfield	Levi Jones.

56. Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of London, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas, also a joint Epistle to the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Brumana Mount Lebanon, have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting, and cause them to be countersigned by one of our Correspondents, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

57. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year. The Friends named are satisfactory to the Meeting and are appointed accordingly, Women Friends concurring. Viz:- Thomas Harkness, Benjamin T. Knowles, Sarah F. Tobey, Ellen K. Buffum. Joseph Cartland, Owen Dame, Abigail M. Hanson, Gertrude W. Cartland, William C. Taber, George Howland, Jr., Anna G. Wood, Susan T. Thompson, Augustus F. Cox, George Douglas, S. Jane Cox, Elizabeth A. Douglas, Richard Batley, William C. Newhall, Samuel R. Buffinton, Henry T. Wood, Thomas

A. Wheeler, Abby S. Bailey, Lydia Knight, Thomas C. Nichols, Eli Jones, Rachel C. Nichols, Elisa P. Pierce, Timothy C. Kinsey, Hezekiah S. Burtum, Anna M. Kinsey, Huldah S. Burtum, Levi Jones, Mary C. Jones, Charles M. Bailey, Sophia L. Bailey, Charles F. Coffin, David K. Wing, Augustine Jones, Jacob K. Purinton and Joseph C. Briggs.

58. We appoint the following Committee to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious Meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also, to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, who now are or then may be under appointment, Viz.:- John F. Tucker, Samuel K. Buffinton, Levi Jones, Augustus F. Cox, George Dougan and Ezra Hunter.

59. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed; and the Clerks are directed to cause an edition of two thousand copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions, and Owen Dame and John Ellwood Paige are appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

60. We have thankfully to acknowledge that as we commenced this Yearly Meeting with hearts uplifted in prayer to the Lord for His help and blessing upon us, that His Spirit has been abundantly prevalent amongst us, and under the felt presence thereof, we have been enabled to transact the varied, weighty and important business which has come before us, in much harmony and brotherly love.

We conclude, proposing to meet again at Portland, Maine, on the second Sixth-day of the Sixth Month, next Year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

William C. Newhall
Clerk

Correspondents of New England Yearly Meeting

George Howland, Jr.,
Joseph Earland.

1882

Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England. 6th Month 1882.

To London

Dear friends.

Near the close of this Yearly Meeting your warm and loving epistle of last month came to us a fresh and late salutation from your annual gathering. Its reading has conveyed comfort and encouragement to our minds. Although the great waters divide our respective countries we are nevertheless a brotherhood of believers and one is our Master even Christ and all we are brethren.

Our Meeting at this time has been one of unusual interest.

Our Committee appointed to extend care and sympathy to the red man of the West has made a cheering report from which we learn that this long neglected people are making good improvement in the acquisition of those things which their mental and physical needs demand; and not a few of this interesting people have been led to embrace the precious doctrines of the Gospel through the instrumentality of devoted Missionaries. Some of these have died in the faith, and passed on to the "happier hunting grounds beyond the skies"; others to the number of 133 have become members of the Society of Friends, and some of these have given evidence of a Divine call to preach the Gospel of Christ.

It is cause of wonder and gratitude that these who have so lately doffed the blanket and the tomahawk, are now effectually clothed with the garments of salvation and their feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace".

A Monthly Meeting with four Preparative Meetings has been instituted among them.

The Mission work at Brumana, Syria, continues to claim the attention of our members and liberal contributions have been received in aid of the work. The full amount for the erection of the building for a Girls Training Home has been raised and our Committee have agreed to meet-

the expense for the coming year of eight pupils at the Institution.

Our Committee on General Meetings and for the Gospel service has been engaged in the labor to which they were appointed and as heretofore, its history is a record of the faithfulness of God to those who have given themselves to the work. We are afresh encouraged to continue [illegible] instrumentality for another year.

Our beloved aged friend Eli Jones has again been liberated for a visit in Gospel love to the Mission on Mount Lebanon and for some service within the limits of Great Britain. We send him forth with greater confidence in the assurance that in this evening sacrifice, he will also receive your warm sympathy and loving counsel.

We tenderly commend him to the grace of God and the fellowship of beloved friends in your land. We salute you much in the Lord.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Ireland.

Dear friends.

Your loving Epistle has been received and read in our Yearly Meeting. We appreciate your salutation as brethren in the Lord, to those of our number who know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior and follow Him.

We have abundant proof, that at this time He is with us to bless. Whilst we are cheered with the usual Epistles received at this time (including one from the little flock on Mount Lebanon), we also rejoice that our fellow-members report growth in spiritual life, the tenor of the Epistles we accept as the voice of the several Churches, purely evangelical in doctrine, they all exalt Him, whose is the "Name" above every name "Jesus", as God over all, blessed forever, as the foundation of the Christians hope and faith, and the supreme object of our love and service.

May we be found ever adoring Him, as our precious Savior and with lives dedicated to Him, be ready at all times to exclaim,

"Lord Jesus, Thou art unto me

1882

A living, bright, Reality"

We deplore with you the dark crimes, which stain your land, especially the foul deed to which you allude, and which has horrified the world. Fervent prayer was offered after the reading of your Epistle, that God will remember in rich Mercy your beautiful but distracted Land.

We rejoice in the tidings you send us, that some, who have been "afflicted with severe trials" arising from these National disturbances, have been by these afflictions led to Him, who bids the tempest tossed, and weary "come"! We have abundant proofs of the truth of the lines addressed to Friends in New England a few years since in our Nation's hour of trial, that

"God's hand, within the shadow lays,
The stones, whereon His gates of praise,
Shall rise at last."

Your words of cheer in the good work of total abstinence have been especially cordial to us, and we learn with deep gratification of your success in your warfare against the world wide curse of Intemperance.

Still more comforting to us, is the glad news which you send us, that some of the careless amongst you "have been converted" and now know the Lord Jesus Christ in the forgiveness of their sins.

Our beloved friend Eli Jones (now in his 76th year) has at this time been furnished with credentials for Gospel service in Europe and Asia, including some labor within your limits which has long laid heavily upon his heart.

We again with deep and affectionate interest commit to your tender sympathy and love, this dear aged servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, going forth once more, in the evening of life, to bear to lands afar the Message of his Saviors love.

We are blessed with the company of many of the servants of the Lord, at this time, whose united cry to the living witnesses in our Yearly Meeting is "arise and evangelize in the name of your Redeemer". The majority of the Lords Messengers with us this year, are in the Youth and prime of

life, filled with holy earnestness for the upbuilding of Zion.

Since we last addressed you one whose familiar name was for a long series of years signed annually to your welcome Epistle, has fallen asleep in Jesus, full of years and full of [illegible] taining faith in his risen Lord.

He was dear to many this side of the Atlantic, and especially dear to some in our Yearly Meeting. Our most fervent desire for you dear brethren and for ourselves is, that our daily experience may be recorded in the parting testimony of this dear servant of the Lord Jesus, "Unspeakably happy; My only trust is in the cleansing blood of Christ"

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William C. Trueblood
Clerk

To New York.

Dear friends.

Through the continued mercy of our Heavenly Father we are again permitted to meet at our Annual Assembly.

Our hearts are touched with a feeling of sadness as we see so many places vacant which were once filled by those whom we loved and whose judgment in the affairs of the Church was so clearly the outgrowth of the sweet influence of the Holy Spirit upon their heart and mind. They have passed away, but the language revives in our memory; "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord". How inspiring is the christians interpretation of death!

The blessed means by which we come into perfect possession of an inheritance, incorruptible, and undefiled and that fadeth not away. We rejoice therefore in the midst of sadness that these, having endured, faithful unto death have received the crown of life. We also rejoice that so many of our young brothers are in attendance of our Meeting: their lively interest evinced by their close attention, prompt and intelligent [illegible] ing to the business, and willingness to perform what ever duties the Church assigns them, promise that our ranks, depleted by death, shall be filled in righteousness.

With gratitude to our Master, we acknowledge the company of many of His dear children from other Yearly Meetings, who are indeed with us in the

fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ.

How glorious is the doctrine of the perfect union of the believer with Christ, even as the branch united to the vine. What power is given unto him, who reckons himself dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The several sittings of our Yearly Meeting have been seasons of unusual favor and profit; as the guiding, controlling presence of our Holy Head has been sweetly manifested to us. The various important and ever increasing affairs of the Church have been considered in harmony and brotherly condescension.

The Reports of our Committees on Foreign and Home Missions, the latter including our very important labor of love among the Indians of the far West are very encouraging. The blessing of the Lord has been bestowed in large measure upon both the labor and the laborers. We propose to continue the work as heretofore.

Our Temperance and Bible School work, our efforts in the cause of Education, and our Evangelistic work have all produced gratifying results, which cause our hearts reverently to ejaculate, truly our labor is not in vain in the Lord. To Him belongeth all the praise. These several fields of Christian service will again be occupied by our Committees for whom we crave the continued blessing of our Heavenly Father.

We observe many precious evidences of spiritual growth among our members, not the least convincing of which, is the readiness and liberality of the responses which have been made to the calls for means to prosecute our different branches of Church work. The silver and the gold are His, and we are simply His stewards, has seemed to be the prevailing sentiment of our Meeting.

The reading of your Epistle with others received, has knit our heart more closely to your own. We are fellow workers of the same household of faith, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity"

The subject of Peace has been brought before us. Able and convincing addresses have been made, and we rejoice with thanksgiving that the time seems to be rapidly approaching when, by arbitration a peaceable settlement of national difficulties among professedly Christian Nations, may be reached.

Prayerfully desiring that the blessing of God may rest upon you and your efforts to advance his cause and exalt his name, we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William C. Vanhart
Clerk

To Baltimore.

Dear friends.

In our annual gathering at this time we thankfully acknowledge the unmistakable presence of our Father in Heaven, bringing us near one to another in the precious bond of Christian fellowship, and harmonizing our labors for the good of the Church and the world.

We have been favored with the company of many of the Lords messengers, among whom the younger portion of our Society has been largely represented; which in connection with the interest manifested by many of our own young members, we regard as a hopeful augury for the future of this branch of the Christian Church.

One by one the fathers are dropping out of the ranks, but we feel strong in the conviction, that as we are faithful to the trusts reposed in us, their places will be filled by the children. "For the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel."

The subject of education is one of steadily increasing interest. The need of a liberal endowment of Institutions, where the doctrines of the Christian religion as received by Friends, may be thoroughly taught, has been brought to our notice; and our men of affluence have been urged prayerfully to consider whether they have a duty to perform in this matter.

The Reports in relation to Foreign Missions have shown gratifying results. We were made thankful for your co-operation

in the work on Mount Lebanon.

The cause of Total Abstinence from intoxicating drinks has claimed our attention, and we have felt the pressing necessity for earnest and persistent effort in a work which bears such close relation to our National prosperity.

The condition of our small and isolated Meetings has been brought before us and we have seen the need of a thorough consecration to the service of the Master and a readiness to follow Him as reapers in the whitened fields.

The concern of the Meeting for the Indians and for the Freedmen has been carried on during the year, and we believe all rightly directed efforts to better their condition have been signally blessed.

We desire the encouragement of other Yearly Meetings in the carrying on of their work in behalf of these people who have become so largely the wards of Friends.

The Institution at Maryville Tennessee has been doing efficient work. The Committee report a membership in our Society, of the Colored people there amounting to Sixty Four.

Your Epistle with those from brethren of other Yearly Meetings was refreshing and strengthening.

With Christian love we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William C. Newhall
Clerk

To North Carolina

Dear friends.

Being again assembled as a Yearly Meeting we send to you our heartfelt and loving greetings.

Your interesting and welcome Epistle and those from other Yearly Meetings on this Continent and abroad have been read, and have caused us to forcibly realize that we are all members of the same Church, and bound very closely together in the bonds of Christian fellowship.

We have been at this time greatly

blessed, and strengthened by the loving words which the Lord has sent us through His Ministers.

We rejoice at the increasing progress that is now being made in the cause of Temperance and earnestly desire that the good work may be rapidly carried forward. Our interest has been awakened by the cheering report concerning the Education of the Colored Students at Marysville, and especially by their own earnest endeavors to assist others of their race in throwing off the old fetters of ignorance, and in entering upon the full enjoyment of the blessings of freedom.

It is encouraging to us to know that our labors in North Carolina have been gratefully received, and attended with good results.

We feel that the Lord has wrought a truly mighty work among the Red Men of the West, in that He has saved the souls of many, and softened the hearts of the people making them ready to accept the teachings of His Holy word.

When the Indian gives up his savage life and accepts the benefits of civilization is it not high time that his rights should be recognised by our National Government, and he permitted to become a citizen?

Upon the reading of our statistics a feeling of sadness seemed to come over the Meeting on account of a slight diminution in our numbers during the past year, but we were told that "the good seed has been sown, and cultivated, and that there will surely be a harvest" so that we may look forward to the future with hope and confidence.

From the reading of the answers to the Queries the state of our Society seems encouraging, and we pray that the good work of the Lord may go on among us and be abundantly prospered.

A deep interest seems to continue in our Bible Schools and in educational work in general.

Home Missionary work has been well supported and faithfully carried on, while the liberal contributions to Foreign Missions attest

an unabated zeal for carrying on the Lord's work in that portion of his vineyard.

In conclusion we would say that our hearts are with you in every good work, and we earnestly pray that our Heavenly Father may abundantly bless and prosper you.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.
William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Ohio

Dear friends.

In the love of the Gospel of our ever living Savior we greet you and acknowledge the receipt of your Epistle of 9th Month last, which has been read at this time in our Meeting much to our comfort and satisfaction.

Our Meeting is changing from year to year and we notice the vacant seats of many dear aged ones, who have passed away, but we are rejoiced to see their places supplied by younger faces, who evince by their interest and earnestness that they have witnessed the Redeeming hand of their Savior laid upon them, and we are encouraged to believe that brighter days are in the near future for us as these dear young Friends follow close to their unfailing Guide.

As the various concerns of the Church have been brought before us, we have been cemented together in a degree of love and unity seldom witnessed amongst us; and though some little differences of judgment have occasionally appeared, the utmost harmony and condescension have prevailed.

The subject of Missions both Home and Foreign, have claimed our attention and we have been very much interested in the Reports of the several Committees having charge of these concerns. The Syrian Mission has elicited a very warm interest from us as we have learned from time to time of the wonderful progress that has been made there. Surely the Lord has blessed the work and is keeping his eye upon it.

In the Home Missions, the work for the Indians is bringing forth results that are very gratifying. While in North Carolina and Tennessee the good work is going on, with blessed effect. Truly the Lord does bless the feeble efforts of his children that are devoted to His service.

The Educational concern of this Meeting is still lively with us, and we feel the need of continual watchfulness unto prayer that the dear children may be trained up in the admonition and fear of the Lord; in order for this the parents need to be circumspect in their walk before them and before the Lord.

The subject of Temperance has had our consideration and we feel the importance of keeping our own garments clear that we may be able to render assistance to those about us in this good work.

As we walk humbly with our Heavenly Father, He does grant us the privilege of working in His harvest field. May we so walk that our crowns may be studded with jewels when we appear before Him in glory.

While we have been engaged in the various interests of the Meeting we have been reminded, of the importance of maintaining our testimonies for Peace and against War and Oaths.

We have had at this time the acceptable company of many earnest laborers from abroad which has been truly grateful and cheering to us.

And now brethren beloved, may the grace which has so abundantly blessed and comforted us through the various sittings of this Yearly Meeting, so abound with you that ye may be filled with a righteous Zeal for the cause of our dear Redeemer, until you shall all "come to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

With the salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall
Clerk

1852

To Indiana.

Dear friends.

In the reading of your Epistle with others at this time we have felt the covering of the "One Spirit" baptizing us into "One body". For this and many added blessings we acknowledge the loving kindness of our Heavenly Father, and are comforted in the prevailing love of Christ to His Church.

We have been deeply interested in your account of Gospel work resulting in so many accessions to your membership, and our hearts prayerfully salute you "Spare not; lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes, for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

In brotherly love and sympathy may we share with you, the sense of added responsibility to the Church, in her service and ministry, "till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

We have been favored this year with renewed interest in the spread of the Redeemer's Kingdom in connection with our Foreign Mission work. Our beloved friends Eli Jones has again been liberated for Gospel service in the East, this prospect including a sojourn of some months in Syria and Palestine. A divine blessing upon this service seemed to come to our Meeting in the unity of Expression in sympathy with him, largely given forth by our younger members.

The presentation of our Home Mission work and that among the Indians brought many hearts into contrition and searching inquiry before the Lord. We trust the cause in these respects will prosper the coming year by renewed dedication to the service of the Divine Master.

The progress of the Maryville Institute in Tennessee has been satisfactory and encouraging.

Nineteen of the students have joined the Society of Friends the past year, and the present colored Membership of Maryville Monthly Meeting is 64.

With humble gratitude to Him who hath called us to be a distinct Society for service in the Militant Church, and the salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

William A. Nuthall
Clerk

To Western

Dear friends.

With similar tokens of regard from other Yearly Meetings your friendly greeting has been received, and read; comforting indeed to us is this renewed assurance "That One is our master even Christ and all we are brethren," and though widely separated in our Land, our hearts have been made to feel a deep interest in your welfare and the success of every good cause and work among you.

While conducting the various sessions of this our annual Meeting we have had great cause for thankfulness in the feeling of love and unity that has prevaded all our gatherings making them seasons of refreshing from the Lord.

The morning devotional Meetings and those held for the young people have been especially blessed in retaining the back-sliden and the conversion of souls.

While from various causes our Members have not increased, yet we believe the interest taken by old and young for the welfare of the Church, and its upbuilding in the truth warrants our encouragement and gives renewed zeal for the work to be done at home and abroad. Ministers from other Yearly Meetings are in attendance; their spiritual teaching is indeed refreshing, and we pray that the seeds may fall on good ground, and be watered by God's own hand.

From the Reports of our several Committees we believe their labors have not been in vain

and we desire the prayers of the Church may follow their efforts giving permanence to the work.

The Committee on Education presented an interesting Report; we recognize the importance of this cause, whether in the East or the West, the earnest labor needed and the liberal patronage of Friends, to secure the best results to the rising generation.

From Rumana comes the encouraging word that greatly blessed have been their efforts in every department; the building for the Girls Training Home is nearly completed and will probably be opened in the autumn, that the benighted daughters of Syria may be brought under the teachings of the Gospel.

We have at this time been brought into deep sympathy with our aged brother Eli Jones who has been liberated to visit again in Gospel service the scenes of his former labors in the East, and we devoutly ask that in carrying blessings to others he may himself be blessed.

"Finally brethren farewell. Be perfect be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace, shall be with you."

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Iowa

Dear friends.

In addressing a response to your welcome Epistle, which has been read in this Meeting we remember that we are not only members of the same household of faith, but that within your borders are many who were cradled among our New England Hills and whose parents once met from time to time as worshippers upon this Island; and the salutation of our heart is, "Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

Our Meetings have been largely attended and occasions of unusual interest; many of the Lords servants from other Yearly Meetings have been acceptably with us, and the Gospel trumpet has given no uncertain sound.

While skepticism and infidelity prevail so largely around us, we have been earnestly admonished to maintain in its fulness our belief in the efficacy of the atoning blood of Christ; realizing the truth taught by the apostles and reaffirmed by the founders of this Society, "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved".

We have been earnestly impressed with the importance of receiving, as a precious gift from Heaven, the baptism of the Holy Ghost; not only to the cleansing of the heart, filling us to live pure and holy lives, but as an endowment of power from on high — that as the Lords anointed children we may labor for the conversion of sinners, "for the perfecting of the saints, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

The company of many who are now in the strength of youth or early manhood, and whose words and conduct give evidence that our blessed Lord is filling them for more abundant service in His great harvest field. The love and harmony which have prevailed during our deliberations. And above all the felt presence of our Holy Head - are cheering evidences that brighter days are dawning upon our beloved Society in New England.

Pray for us dear brethren in Christ that the same holy zeal which characterized this branch of the Church in its early days may animate our hearts in every christian work. Interesting and encouraging Reports have been received from Committees having charge of the Educational and Mission work of this Yearly Meeting. Our hearts have warmed with loving interest and with gratitude to God as we have listened to Reports of the progress of Mission work in Bible Lands, and especially to recent efforts, through the establishment of a Girls Training Home at Brummana to Elevate the much neglected daughters of Lebanon.

For sympathy and material aid of dear friends

of your own and other Yearly Meetings in this Christian work is warmly appreciated.

Much interest has been manifested in the success that has attended the labors of Friends on this Continent for the elevation of the Western Indians. We feel it a cause for deep thankfulness and joy of heart, that there are, amongst those once wild and savage tribes, many who have been elevated to a civilized and Christian life — some whom we recognize as members with us of the same household of faith — and even those whom God has anointed to proclaim the Gospel of life and salvation through His own dear Son.

May the happy results that have attended our labors encourage us to press on in this truly noble work.

Finally brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort; be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Canada

Dear friends

"Grace be unto you and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ"

As your brotherly epistle was read with those of other Yearly Meetings, our hearts were made glad that now in Christ Jesus, we who were sometime were far off, are made nigh by the blood of Christ, to our Father and to our brethren.

We have renewed evidence of this nearness in the presence and faithful labor of many of the Lord's servants led here from other parts, to minister unto us of the word of life.

We were brought into deep sympathy with our brethren in Ireland and our hearts and voices have been raised to our Heavenly Father that He will enable His children there, to trust in Him, that they may be

kept in perfect peace amid the strife, and show forth His praises.

The cheering Reports of our Committees on Foreign Missions, Home Missions, the Freedmen and the Indians have plainly shewn us that the Lord is willing to use this Society in the Salvation and Shepherding of all classes and conditions of men if we will consecrate ourselves whole-heartedly to His Service. This we rejoice to believe, not a few of our number have done in the religious Meetings which have been held each day, and our prayer is that the Lord of the harvest will send forth more labourers into this field that many souls may be gathered to Himself, to His own home and glory.

After weighty and prayerful consideration we have adopted the recommendations made by a Committee appointed last year and have made some changes in the Constitution of our Meeting of Ministers and Elders, by which there will be added to these Meetings such of them (without regard to age) who are concerned for the welfare of Zion and the enlargement of her borders, as our Monthly Meetings shall judge useful in this part of the Lord's work.

The Meeting will hereafter be called "Meetings on Ministry and Oversight". In thus following somewhat in the footsteps of our brethren of other Yearly Meetings we believe that this union of old and young and the association of varied gifts in this Meeting will promote the edification of the individual members — the strengthening of the whole body and the advancement of the Redeemer's cause in the earth.

The signal manner in which the Lord has answered the many prayers offered to Him in our first session for His manifest presence in our Meetings and loving guidance of our deliberations has caused continued praises and thanksgiving to ascend to Him our faithful Promiser.

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God even our Father which hath loved us and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace comfort your hearts and stablish you in every good word and work.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William C. Newhall Clerk

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To Kansas

Dear friends.

We send you this our annual token of fellowship with, and interest in you, dear friends, with the prayer that we, with you may indeed be friends of our loving Lord; doing what He commands and living in that intimate relationship with Him, by which we shall know of the power of Divine grace in the most common duties of life.

The duty of being earnest and diligent in thought, and word, and action has been impressed upon us; and there seems to be an honest determination on the part of many of our members to fill up the remainder of the time allotted to us in this life, to the honor and glory of Him who has redeemed us.

There is a conviction that our work as an organized branch of the Church has not, in years past, been nearly as efficient, as it should have been, in evangelistic, and pastoral work. Lately we have sought to remedy this defect, by setting apart a committee for Gospel work, and contributing money for their use. This work in the past year has been blessed.

In Communities like ours, where customs are deep-rooted and where other denominations of Christians offer so many attractions to the young, the work of such a Committee, in gaining new Membership, is necessarily very slow. But the conviction rest upon us, that we have an important Mission, in carrying the simple Gospel Message to the world. And our prayer is that we may be so faithful in the testimony of our lips, and live so soberly, righteously and godly, that we shall see a gathering to the fold of Christ through our efforts.

With the view of giving our Society better adaptation to such work, we have with complete unanimity, made a change in the Constitution of our "Meeting of Ministers and Elders" which we trust the Lord will bless.

Our interest in the Mission work on Mount Lebanon, in Syria, does not abate, but rather increases in full ratio with our interest in home work.

Our Boarding School at Providence seems to have the Lord's blessing upon it. It is sending out each year many young people with minds and hearts well trained for usefulness.

The fearful evils resulting from the sale of intoxicating liquors, throughout our country, have engaged our attention and we sympathize deeply with you in your struggle for complete prohibition in your State. The benefits of prohibitory legislation in our own State of Maine are very apparent. But we realize that a constant warfare must be waged against the giant evil.

Let us fortify the minds of the children; and let us who have laid down the carnal weapons, in obedience to our Lord, be strong and courageous in the use of those weapons which are "Mighty through God, to the pulling down of strongholds".

Having our citizenship in heaven, let us also be lovers of our grand and beautiful country, and strive to make it a land of peace and sobriety.

With feelings of love and deep interest we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William C. Newhall
Clerk

To the Monthly Meeting of Rumana. Mt Lebanon.
Dear friends.

Having come up to our Annual Meeting, we have found the Lord ready and willing to bless us. He has drawn us very near unto himself and to one another, while we have communed with Him, during the fervent supplications, and earnest exhortations of His anointed Ministers, and the reading of Epistles from other Yearly Meetings.

From far and near have the voices of our fellow believers in Christ reached us — thrilling the spirit of Him, "Of whom the whole family in Heaven and earth is named". While we have gratefully listened to all these Epistles, none has called forth so strong expressions of interest and sympathy as that-

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from the Monthly Meeting at Burmana.

The whole land of Judea is dear to us, we have become especially attached to that particular spot where you are gathered in the Name of Christ, and in His name; where you have set up an altar, not made of hewn stone, but of living hearts, from which shall continually ascend unto Heaven the incense of prayer and praise; where you are bearing aloft, over all other standards, the Banner of Truth, which, He, who is "The way the truth and the life" has given you to display for Him.

There is cause for unbounded gratitude that the Gospel of Christ is again preached in the land so long darkened by ignorance and superstition, but once so blessed by the Sacred, personal presence and labors of our dear Redeemer.

We are deeply interested in your Hospital work and in your training Schools; and do earnestly pray that the Lord will abundantly bless your labors, and grant that the good seed sown by you may bring forth fruit in due season to the honor and glory of God.

May thoughts of the Saviours patient self-denying loving life daily incite you to greater devotion to the blessed work in which you are engaged, and to greater earnestness in winning souls from the Kingdom of darkness to that of Light and Life. Most especially do we rejoice to know that in that land where, contrary to Gods will, women are degraded and shut out from the rightful privileges of His children, you are gathering the daughters and Educating them to take that place in the Church which we as Friends believe He intended they should hold, and to recognize and use the talents and gifts which He has bestowed upon them.

We trust that the hills of Palestine may yet again echo the glad words from a woman's lips "Come see a man that hath told me all things that ever I did. Is not this the Christ". We who are so far separated from you by sea and land, are

very thankful that the Lord has permitted us to help you in this work and we have realized again and again that the little we have been able to give has been bountifully blessed to us.

We have wished that you could assemble with us and listen to the preaching of the Gospel as we hear it. But we gladly remember that you as well as we have always Christ for your Minister, and His Holy Spirit for your guide and teacher.

May we all be fee partakers of His precious saving grace, that we may be found of Him in peace, without spot and blameless, walking in the light as He is in the light, till we come together to the gates of the New Jerusalem, and enter into that City which hath "No need of the Sun, neither of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God, doth lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."

We are glad for your sakes that our dear venerable friend Eli Jones again feels called in the love of the Gospel to visit you. We reverently pray that He whom the winds and the waves obey, and who holds the waters in the hollow of His hand, may preserve him from all danger, and strengthen him for the work laid upon him, that his labors may indeed be blessed to you, and he be allowed to return in peace and safety to his friends in America.

And now as we bid you farewell in the Lord, we pray that "The God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the Sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever, Amen."

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Nicholl } Clerks

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Minutes 1883

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in Portland, Maine, commencing on Sixth day, Sixth Month 8th 1883.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, Viz:—

From Rhode Island— Benjamin F. Knowles, Henry C. Aydelott, Obadiah Chace, Thomas B. Buffum, James Dennis, Darius Buffinton, Willis H. White, Charles W. Earle, William H. Perry, and Charles H. Chace.

From Salem — Moses Huntington, Owen Dame, Olney T. Meader, Daniel C. Maxfield, Joseph Cartland, Alvin Hoag, Moses T. Rogers, Peter M. Neal, Charles H. Jones, Charles H. Thorndike and John T. Chase.

From Sandwich— William C. Taber, David Kelley, George Howland, Jr., Edward G. Dillingham, Stephen R. Wing, Charles Taber, Joseph Ewer, William P. Macomber, Mellish Gifford, William Thompson, Henry T. Wood, Gideon Gifford and Moses Smith.

From Falmouth — Timothy Hanson, Augustus T. Cox, Nathaniel Hawkes, George Douglas, John J. Frye, Elijah Cook, Daniel C. Jones, James E. Varney, Oliver Robinson, Ezekiel Varney, Jr., and Robert Goddard.

From Smithfield — Abel C. Monroe, James O. Inman, John Metcalfe, Oscar J. Morse and Paul A. Randall.

From Vassalboro — Thomas B. Nichols, Jedediah J. Varney, Alfred H. Jones, Charles B. Cates, John Gould, Hartwell A. Jenkins, Ebenezer Frye, John Frye, J. Warren Starkey, James C. Pierce, William H. Cates and Hezekiah Pope.

From Dover — Albert C. Buffum, Tobias Meader, Timothy B. Hussey, William P. Tuttle, Otis Meader, Samuel Buffum and Eli Page.

From Fairfield — Reuben T. Jones, Henry Winslow, Joseph E. Briggs, Howard B. Wyman, George H. Fan, George Richardson, Paxton Sampson and Isaac Winslow, — whose names being called, they were all present except thirteen, for the absence of three of whom sufficient reasons were assigned. Five of the absentees were afterwards in attendance.

3. We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend Isaac Sharp, from London Yearly Meeting. He has produced satisfactory testimonials from Darlington Monthly Meeting, held 12th of Fourth Month, 1877, endorsed by Durham Quarterly Meeting, held 19th of Fourth Month 1877. and a minute of London Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in the Fifth Month 1877. expressive of unity with him as a minister, and with his present prospect of weighty and extended service in his blessed Master's cause. We feel that it is cause for heart-felt gratitude, that this our beloved aged brother, after years of labor in other lands, has been enabled to reach our shores, and again to mingle in sweet and loving fellowship with those of the same household of faith. We bid him a cordial welcome, and pray that the Word of the Lord through him may have free course and be glorified.

4. We have also the company of Alexander M. Purdy of New York Yearly Meeting; Rufus P. King of North Carolina Yearly Meeting; S. Adelbert Wood, of Ohio Yearly Meeting; Micajah M. Binford and Amos M. Kenworthy, of Indiana Yearly Meeting; Louisa M. Fulghum of Iowa Yearly Meeting; Luke Woodard and John T. Dorland Jr. of Canada Yearly Meeting; who have presented Minutes expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements amongst us.

5. We have the company of Phebe H. Kenworthy, an Elder, accompanying her husband Amos M. Kenworthy, with proper credentials from her friends at home; also James T. Richardson, companion to Rufus P. King, with suitable recommendations from his friends at Pickering Province of Ontario.

6. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings, with returning Minutes, if way should open for it, is referred to the following Friends:- Henry T. Wood, William Thompson, Alfred H. Jones, George Richardson and Henry C. Aydelott

7. Truly acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, and Ohio have been read in this Meeting, to our comfort and satisfaction. We have also received Epistles from Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada, and Kansas Yearly Meetings; also one from the Monthly Meeting

of Baumana M. Lebanon, the reading of which is deferred to our next sitting. We appoint the following named Friends a Committee to nominate a Committee on Correspondence to prepare, as way may open, Essays of reply thereto, and report at our next sitting, viz- Isaac Winslow, Timothy B. Hussey, Thomas B. Nichols, William Aldrich, George Douglas, David K. Ake Charles H. Jones and William H. Perry.

8. Eli Jones is added to the Committee on arrangements, appointed last year.

9. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz:-

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Electa Jane Collins; with the same Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George S. Gould and Anna A. Gould, to the station of Elder; with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Charles D. Kenyon and Mary Clapp, and with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth L. Newton and Sarah C. Skinner to the same station; and that it has added nineteen Friends as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; that the Mid-week Meeting for Worship at Coventry has been discontinued; that the Preparative Meeting at South Kingstown has been joined to Hopkinton Preparative Meeting; and the Meeting for Worship at South Kingstown discontinued.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William Chase to the station of Elder; and with Weare Mo Meeting in the appointment of Lucy P. Osborne and Mary B. Chase to the same station also in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Elizabeth T. Larkin, Mary E. Bixed, an Elder, died Seventh Month 14th 1882 aged 86 years and one day; Joseph S. Nichols, an Elder, died 10th Mo 3d 1882, aged 68 years 10 Mos and 12 days; and Mary R Allen, an Elder, died 10th Mo 29th 1882, aged 63 years, 2 Mos and 3 days, all members of Salem Mo Meeting. George A. Barton, a Minister, was received into the same Mo Meeting by certificate from Farnham Mo Meeting, New York Yearly Meeting. Benjamin H. Jones a Minister

and Mahaleth C. Jones, an Elder, formerly of Salem Monthly Meeting have removed to San Jose Monthly Meeting, California. Daniel Beede a Minister and member of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, died 4th mo 16th 1883, aged 79 years and 19 days; the time of holding Salem Mo Meeting in the Sixth Month has been changed to the 1st Sixth day in the Month, the place and hour remaining as heretofore. Twenty-one Friends have been added as Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sandwich Mo Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Hannah S. Wing; also in the appointment of Mary Jane Gifford to the station of Elder; and with New Bedford Mo Meeting in the appointment of George Howland, Jr., to the same station; and that 19 Friends have been added as Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that Samuel Jones, an Elder, and member of Durham Mo Meeting, died 6th mo 15th 1882, aged 78 years and 7 days; that it has united with Windham Mo Meeting in the appointment of Lydia M. Pope to the station of Elder; and that Nathan Pope is appointed Correspondent of that Mo Meeting (P.O. address, Windham Centre, Me.); also that nineteen Friends have been added as Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that Abby S. Bailey, an Elder and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, died 11th mo 21st 1882, aged 62 years, 5 mos and 11 days; that the Mid-week and Preparative at Blackstone has been discontinued; that the time of holding the Mid-week and Preparative Meeting at Worcester, has been changed from Fifth-day to Fourth-day evening at half past seven o'clock; and that six Friends have been added to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Unity Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of William P. Varney, and in the appointment of Lydia C. Varney to the station of Elder; and with Vassalboro Mo Meeting in the appointment of Charles Osborne, Louisa L. Osborne, Eliza P. Peirce and Mary E. Taber to the same station; Rachel B. Hussey, an Elder and member of China Mo Meeting, died 6th mo 24th 1882 aged 92 years and 22 days. Six Friends have been added as Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas W. Hoag and Martha E. Hoag to the station of Elder; and that four Friends have been added as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Winthrop Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Jacob Pope, Lavina M. Pope and Henry Winslow to the station of Elder; Joseph Taylor an Elder and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, died 6th mo 29th 1882, aged 77 years, 7 mos and 4 days. Moses Bailey an Elder and member of Winthrop Monthly Meeting, died 6th mo 6th 1882, aged 64 years, 5 mos and 19 days. That Joseph T. Richardson has been appointed correspondent of Sidney Monthly Meeting (address North Fairfield Maine); and that they have added 19 Friends as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

10. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid, or directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their proportion of stock called for Last Year.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.— The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

11. Henry T. Wood, on behalf of the Representatives informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William C. Newhall for Clerk, and Timothy B. Hussy and Daniel C. Maxfield for Assistant Clerks, which nominations being severally approved, they are accordingly appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

12. Epistles from Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings and from Brumana Monthly Meeting were now read.

13. The Committee appointed at our Morning session to nominate a Committee on Correspondence, have reported the following, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, viz:- Henry T. Wood, A. Chalkley Collins, Charles H. Jones, Abel C. Monroe, Alfred H. Jones, Samuel Buffum, Charles W. Goddard, J. Warren Hawkes, Eli Jones, Daniel C.

Maxfield, Benjamin F. Knowles, George Howland, Jr, William P. Macomber, John F. Chase, George A. Barton, Charles W. Webber, Augustine Jones, James R. Collins, Charles M. Jones and Gideon Wood, which being approved they are appointed to that service.

14. We appoint Charles A. Chase, Charles H. Jones, Gideon Wood, Charles W. Webber, Abel C. Monroe, William H. Coles, Samuel Buffum and Isaac Winslow, a Committee to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and present it at our next sitting.

15. We appoint Reuben T. Jones, John B. Cartland, Josiah Philbrook, Francis H. Inman, John J. Frye, William P. Davis Owen Dame and Nathan Chace, a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of money to be raised, sufficient to defray the Expenses of the Meeting the ensuing Year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer, also one for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds.

16. The account from Salem Quarterly Meeting contains a proposition, that the time of holding its Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in the first Month be changed from 2 P. M. to 2½ P. M. with which this and the Women's Meeting unite, and the change is accordingly made, and the Clerk is directed to inform that Meeting of our action in the case, by furnishing it with a copy of this Minute.

17. The account from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting contains a proposition that the time of holding it's Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight be changed from 3 to 2 P. M., of the day before the Quarterly Meeting, with which this and the Women's Meeting unite, and the change is accordingly Made, and the Clerk is requested to inform that Meeting of our action in the case, by furnishing it with a copy of this Minute.

18. The following proposition was received from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, Viz:- "Believing that the first clause of the Fifth Query to be too lenient; this and the Women's Meeting are united in asking the Yearly Meeting to change said clause". We appoint Ezra Hawkes, James R. Collins, George A. Tarr, Henry C. Aydelott Peter M. Veal and Owen

Dame, on the part of this Meeting, a Committee to whom this subject is referred.

19. The following proposition was received from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting:— "This Meeting is united in asking the Yearly Meeting to consider the propriety of curtailing some of its annual expenses;" which we conclude to refer to the representatives now in attendance of this Meeting.

Adjourned to 10 O'clock to-morrow Morning.

Seventh-day Morning the 9th. The Meeting again assembled.

20. The Committee entrusted with the care of the Boarding School at Providence have presented the Sixty-fourth Annual Report; viz;—

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee having in charge the Boarding School, established and fostered by the Yearly Meeting in presenting the Sixty-fourth Annual Report of its operations have the renewed satisfaction of informing the Meeting that it is very quietly, but nevertheless efficiently, continuing its good work in training and educating the young for positions of usefulness in the world, and, as we believe, in the Church of Christ. It has been for the past year, under the immediate charge of Augustine Jones, A.M. as Principal aided by an efficient corps of faithful Assistants, laboring together harmoniously for the best and greatest good of those under their care.

The average number of pupils the past year has been 99 boys and 88 girls.

Within the year the School has been made the recipient of a splendidly illustrated work on Fishes, presented by Daniel G. Littlefield, of Pawtucket; and a donation by our friend Hannah J. Bailey, a Member of the Committee, of $1,154,60, for the purpose of beautifying the walls of Halls and School-rooms with busts and engravings; these have greatly improved the appearance of the rooms by the introduction of agreeable and pleasant pictures for the gratification of the Eye, and the cultivation and Elevation of the Mind.

We have been gratified by the reception of a donation of $500, from our friend James T. Chace, another Member of the Committee, to be expended

for the purchase of desirable pictures or works of art for the School.

A donation has also been received from Rowland G. Hazzard of $100. with directions that it may be used in the purchase of books for the Library.

A much needed improvement is now being made in the Laundry by the introduction of a new boiler and apparatus, with the most improved machinery, at a cost of about $1,500. A donation by a private individual of $1,100, in aid of this valuable addition has been received. The work will be completed and ready for use before the close of the present term.

These generous gifts have been gratefully accepted by the Committee, and we believe they will be warmly appreciated by the Yearly Meeting; not only on account of the material benefit conferred, but by loving tokens of kindly interest in the welfare of the Institution.

A donation to the School from our friend Thomas Harkness of an ancient copy of a Concordance of the Holy Scriptures (printed in 1638.) is accepted as a valuable addition to the Library; and the Clerk was directed to convey to him our warm appreciation of the gift and of the kind remembrance of the donor.

Since our last report the exterior walls and wood work of the older portion of the house have been thoroughly painted, its condition as well as its appearance being very much improved thereby.

During the greater part of the past year, while much sickness has prevailed in our neighborhood, from which in the Autumn the School was not exempt, through the Winter and Spring the health of the household has been unusually good.

We regret, however, to have to report a very sad accident, which occurred a few days after the opening of the School in the Ninth Month;- One of the pupils, Robert H. Chase, nearly 16 years of age, a son of John F. Chase, of Dering N. H. while bathing, in attempting to swim across a sheet of shallow water, suddenly sank, and, although his School-mates made very strenuous efforts to save him, they were unsuccessful, and he was drowned.

The Principal in reporting the case to the Committee says, "He was possessed of unusual mental powers, and had already attracted the special notice of the teachers. But, to crown all, he was an earnest Christian boy. How we needed him here, what a field of service

was before him! but young and full of promise as he was, we believe he was prepared for the change of worlds which came suddenly to him."

We have also to report the death of one of our own number, Abby S. Batley, who died 11th Month 21st, 1882. She had been many years a member of the Committee, was very constant in attendance upon our Meetings, taking a deep interest in all matters appertaining to the School, and endeavoring in every way to promote its greatest usefulness. Her memory will long be held in grateful remembrance.

Agreeably to the direction of the Yearly Meeting last year, your Treasurer has ratified and confirmed the deed of trust (of the Elizabeth Fry Fund) interchangeably with the donor, signed the same on behalf of the Yearly Meeting and affixed the corporate seal of the Yearly Meeting thereto. The fund has been satisfactorily invested, and will yield an annual income of 5% upon the principal. This at the present price of tuition will pay for 5 scholars for a year.

The officers of Government and Instruction for the past year have been:—

Augustine Jones, A. M. Principal and Political Science.
Walter S. Meader, A. B. Governor and English Studies.
Susan S. Moore, Governess and English Studies.
Bessie T. Wing, French, History, and Literature.
Thomas J. Batley, A. B. Natural Science.
Mary Amy Collins, English Studies.
J. Myron Potter, A. M. Higher Mathematics.
Benjamin W. Wells, Ph. D. English Literature and German.
William C. Ladd, A. B. Greek and Latin.
Sarah A. Pearce, Reading and Elocution.
Wilmot R. Jones, Assistant Governor.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Albert A. Stanley. Instrumental Music.
Jean E. Guilbert, French.
Mary P. Holme, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
Lizzie C. Perry, Secretary and Book-keeper.
Alice M. Jones, Librarian.

The accounts of the Principal present the following items of receipt and expenditure:—

Receipts

Income from board and tuition	$41.897.87
Rec'd from Thomas Harkness Treasurer of School Funds	5,860.83
" " George Howland, Jr. " " the Yearly Meeting from Elizabeth Fry Fund	600.00
" " George Howland, Jr. Treasurer, from Philip J. Tripp Fund.	85.90
	$48,444.60

Expenditures

Salaries of teachers and officers	$12.289.00
Provisions	15,575.96
Wages for labor and servants hire	6.920.52
Repairs and replacements	4.945.06
Fuel	1,645.98
Light	1,019.90
Water	530.64
City tax on School property 1882	2,981.20
Library and periodicals	356.16
Incidentals, including printing, advertising and postage	725.87
Uncollected bills for tuition in previous years	753.99
Remaining to credit of account	700.32
	$48.444.60

The income from the Charitable Fund, including the Philip J. Tripp Fund has been $2.399.38.
This has enabled 19 pupils to enjoy the benefits of the School during the year and one for one term.

The account annually presented by the Committee of the financial operations and condition of the Institution has heretofore been little more than an estimate, and, while the School is still in session, and until the close of the School year, no more definite account can be made. It is proposed in future to present the accounts as made up after the close of the School, near the first of 7th Month each year.

The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School remain as last year, viz:- For members of our Yearly Meeting $125.00
" " " other " Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting 225.00
For all others who may be admitted 300.00
One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.
An additional charge of ten dollars each, to be made for one years instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German or Drawing.

Again we commend the Institution and all connected with it, to the superintending care and providence of our Father in Heaven, with thankfulness and gratitude for past favor and to the kind consideration of the Yearly Meeting, believing that there yet lies before it a very large field for usefulness.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee

George Howland, Jr., Clerk

Boarding School, Providence, Sixth Month 5th, 1883.

Note.— The Autumn Term begins 9th Month 5th 1883, and closes 2nd Month 6th 1884. The Spring Term begins 2nd Mo 7th 1884. and closes 6th Month 24th 1884.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the Meeting of the Committee, on the 31st of 7th Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date; after which, applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address Augustine Jones, Friends School Providence, R. I."

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and is adopted.

The labors of the Committee, and the evident efficiency of the Board of Management is encouraging to the Meeting. We are rejoiced to learn that the religious welfare of the inmates of that Institution has a deep and abiding hold upon the hearts of the Officers and Committee, and that they are ready and anxious to embrace every right opening for its advancement. We refer the continued care of the Institution to the Committee now under appointment, with the exception of our late friend Abby S. Battey, deceased, and David S. Wood, who has removed beyond the limits of this Yearly Meeting. The Committee are directed to meet at the Boarding School, at Providence on Third-day the 26th inst., at 9.30 A. M.

Committee

Charles F. Coffin	Ellen K. Buffum
George Howland, Jr.	Sylvia G. Howland

Levi Jones	Ann B. Earle
William C. Taber	Hannah J. Bailey
Timothy B. Hussey	Rachel S. Howland
Samuel R. Buffinton	Hannah B. Sawyer
Henry T. Wood	Rebecca Shove
Richard Battey	Mary Z. Jenkins
William C. Monroe	Anna G. Wood
James H. Chace	Deborah W. Crosman
James O. Inman	Elizabeth H. Austin
John F. Tucker	Sarah F. Tobey
Peter M. Neal	Esther Jones
Benjamin F. Knowles	Caroline C. Earle
William F. Collins	Rebecca H. Smiley
Charles B. Cates	Lydia C. Neal
Augustus F. Cox	Ruth S. Murray

21. Mary H. Rogers, a Minister from Kansas Yearly Meeting, is now in attendance of this Meeting, and has produced satisfactory credentials from her friends at home.

22. The Committee on Education have presented their Report which has been read, and is satisfactory to this Meeting. The same Committee is continued for service another year.

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee on Education report that they have held no conferences this year, but that a very interesting and instructive one was held at Providence, in the 6th month last, by the Eastern Department of the Educational Association of Friends in America.

The attendance by Friends of this Yearly Meeting was small. The subjects discussed were believed to be highly important to the Society of Friends and to the general cause of Education. Reports of the proceedings were published and circulated among our members. Persons are aroused in these gatherings to the vital necessity of more attention to education, and they in turn, at their homes, bear with warm hearts the message to the Masses around them. Thus the influence forever extends. More Zeal and a stronger recognition of the importance of the Meeting at Providence would have strengthened the hands and cheered the hearts of the friends of the cause.

The Educational Association of Friends

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in America has arranged for a National Educational Conference of the Society of Friends, at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, the last of this Month. Friends from remote part of the Country will Meet and interchange views and Experiences, with a common interest and a common cause. Honest, free and liberal discussion will contribute to the strength and prosperity of the Society.

We have met with a very great, but we hope not inepairable, loss in the burning, without insurance of the Seminary at Oak Grove. The remembrance of blessings and benefits conferred here, in the last third of a century, has filled many hearts with sorrow.

We will cherish the hope that some one will re-build on a more generous and broader foundation, that the good work begun may continue as heretofore, with increasing power, to mould the character of the citizens of a large district in Maine, making itself felt far and wide.

Schools and Colleges and even the common schools owe their existence to Christianity. But this is due to the fact that Christians have seen and realized the importance of education in its relations to Christianity.

How important that this generation, this Society, shall comprehend and do its whole duty in this matter to-day. The School at Providence has received a number of generous donations this year. These are gladly welcomed, and there is room in this way vastly to increase the usefulness of the School. It is very important that we should realize that the School, although well off in land for the future, is for the present needing many things, which can only be obtained through the generous contributions of friends.

There is absolutely no limit to the amount of money which can be useful around a large Institution. The greater its capacity, the larger its needs, and the greater its opportunity to extend with benefit.

New England holds and always has held, an important place in the Education of this country. And the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England has a great and direct share in this duty and responsibility, and it is very important

that it be earnestly considered and faithfully attended to as way shall open: and nothing can take the place of individual effort of members.

On behalf of the Committee

Eli Jones
Augustine Jones
Charles H. Jones
Myra E. Frye

Committe on Education

Augustine Jones — Eli Jones
Caroline Jones, of Deering Maine — Myra E. Frye
Anna F. Hall — John Elwood Paige
Charles H. Jones — Phebe Wing
Ruthanna H. Nichols

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.— Met pursuant to adjournment.

23. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the State of Society, as presented in the Answers to the Queries, and the reading of the Statistical Account, received from our Quarterly Meetings. The Answers are as follows:—

Answer 1.— All our Meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held, except in some localities where there are but few Friends several Meetings have been omitted in consequence of inclement weather and sickness and other reasons not assigned. The First-day Meetings have been attended by the larger part of our members, while those in the middle of the week have been much neglected. The hour is nearly observed, clear of unbecoming behavior with little exception. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports the entire omission of the Meeting at Nantucket.

Answer 2. Love and unity are maintained with little exception. Detraction is not wholly guarded against by a few. Endeavors have been used to end differences when they have appeared.

Answer 3. With few exceptions, Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation. More care is needed both by example and precept, in training our children in accordance with our christian profession.

Answer 4th We believe most Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually and collectively in their families, and encourage their children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty. Our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry appears to be maintained with little exception.

Answer 5th Seventeen cases of indulgence in intoxicants, as a beverage, are definitely reported. Two Quarterly Meetings report a few cases. Friends are careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character, and to observe true moderation, with a few exceptions.

Answer 6th The circumstances of the poor are generally inspected. Their necessities are relieved, and care is taken to Educate their children.

Answer 7th Not quite clear as to Military matters, oaths, or in regard to defrauding the public revenue.

Answer 8th Friends are careful in these respects, with few exceptions.

Answer 9th Not quite clear as to records. A few removals without Certificates

Answer 10th In the administration of discipline we do not exercise as much oversight and pastoral care as would be best. Judgment, when placed, has been according to discipline.

In considering the state of Society, as presented by the Answers to the Queries, this Meeting was deeply exercised that our ancient testimonies for which our forefathers suffered may not be allowed to fall to the ground through our unfaithfulness or neglect.

We were reminded that the great Mission of the Church on Earth, the end for which it was established, is the salvation of souls; and, therefore, a Church, made up of a membership, whose hearts and means are consecrated to the Lord, will be an aggressive and an ingathering Church, as in the early days of our Society, when, during the first fifty years of its existence, it was marked by such a mighty influx of members.

The great importance of faithfulness in family devotion was pressed upon us. The practice of daily waiting before the Lord in the home circle, reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures, and drawing near to the great giver of all, in humble, fervent prayer and praise, was presented as one of the most precious privileges of His redeemed children.

Living through constant faithfulness, in the full enjoyment of this high privilege, would bring great and continued blessing to our individual souls, and result in far greater manifestation of Gods power in the Church.

Friends were earnestly admonished to maintain our Christian testimony against all wars and fightings, discouraging among the children all warlike demonstrations manifested in their play, against the adornment of our walls with pictures of Military heroes and scenes, calculated to inspire a love for Military glory.

The subject of oaths was largely dwelt upon, and Friends were reminded of their duty in obeying and teaching the positive command of our Lord and His Apostles, "Swear not at all."

A deep interest was manifested in the cause of Temperance, and earnest appeals were made that we, as a society, might take an advance step, coming up on higher ground than ever before in the total abstinence from the use of all alcoholics for medicinal purposes. This proposed movement may seem unnecessary to some, but when we consider it will be a safeguard to the weak and to those who have unfortunately acquired a taste for these stimulants, should we not in the exercise of a true christian spirit, manifest a willingness on our part to sacrifice something for the good of others.

	Number reported last year	Error in last report this year	Error in last year's report this year	Births	Deaths	Moved in	Moved out	Admitted	Released	Gain	Loss	Present number
Rhode Island	701	1	0	6	13	9	6	9	5	1	0	702
Salem	660	0	0	3	19	20	3	9	2	8	0	668
Sandwich	732	0	0	2	16	1	3	7	1	0	10	722
Falmouth	624	6	0	8	18	3	16	3	4	0	18	606
Smithfield	418	0	3	1	9	2	2	3	4	0	12	406
Vassalboro	488	0	2	1	7	2	0	0	2	0	8	480
Dover	312	0	0	1	13	6	4	4	0	0	6	306
Fairfield	450	0	0	2	6	3	1	22	1	19	0	469
Total	4385	7	5	24	101	46	35	57	19	28	54	4359
Total Loss											26	

24. This Meeting concurs with the Women's Meeting in the addition of Ruth S. Murray to the School Committee.

Adjourned to meet in joint-session on Second-day Morning, the 11th at 10 O'clock.

Second-day Morning, the 11th

The Meeting assembled in joint-session, pursuant to adjournment.

25. The Committee on General Meetings and Other Gospel Service have now presented a Report of their labor during the past-year, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and we conclude to continue this important and interesting work under the care of a Committee; and believing that usefulness would result-from a new appointment, we conclude to set-apart our Friends Henry T. Wood, Rebecca H. Smiley, Benjamin F. Knowles, Olney T. Meader, Mary R. Hadwin, Elizabeth H. Valentine, George Douglas, Isaac Warren Hawkes, George Howland, Jr., Obadiah Chace and Daniel C. Maxfield, to produce at a future sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to whom this concern may be entrusted the coming year, and we greatly desire their encouragement. And to the end that the use fulness of the Committee may be increased, the Meeting entered into a voluntary contribution, and the sum of four Hundred and sixty dollars was raised and placed in the hands of the Committee. The Report is as follows:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

During the year just closed, eighteen Series of Meetings have been held, Most of the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings have been visited, several wanderers have been brought into the fold of Christ; a large number of families have been visited which has been a prominent feature of the work of the year; backsliders have been reclaimed, and in some Meetings Christians have shaken off their dead weights of formalism and worldliness, and have received new experiences of God's grace, and been enabled to rejoice in a full salvation.

In places where labor has been bestowed with no perceptible results, the Committee rest in the hope that the seed thus sown may germinate and bear fruit under future showers of grace, and by the warming beams of the Sun of Righteousness, having the encouragement of God's written word, "Blessed are ye that

sow beside all waters." – Isa XXXII: 20.

We give in detail the work in the different Quarterly Meetings. There has been but little service bestowed on Rhode Island Quarterly Mtg. A few Meetings were held at Greenwich, and some Bible readings given; also at Peacedale, Hopkinton and Newport. The same may be said of the work in Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, but in this and the former Quarter the lack of labor by the Committee has been supplied by the faithful services of Ministers from our own and other Yearly Meetings, who labored as their own sense of duty indicated, and these efforts have been blessed.

In Salem Quarter five series of Meetings are reported, Viz: two at Pittsfield, N. H., in the 10th and 12th Months. At this place there is hope that a good Meeting may before long be established, to be made up mostly of new members. They are an enquiring class, and should be frequently visited and encouraged.

In the 11th Month a series of 8 Meetings was held at Amesbury, also one held at Lynn in the same month continuing two weeks. Meetings were held each evening, and Bible Readings every afternoon, which were blessed to many who came to listen to the Gospel. These Meetings were very satisfactory. The Church was quickened and some reached a higher experience. One of the workers writes, – "The Meeting at Lynn was united as I never expected to see it, and a good work was done in the Redeemer's name." Salem has been visited several times on First-days, and at Boston, Bible Readings have been given, and the regular Meetings attended consecutively for several weeks, with good results.

We would report on behalf of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, that a series of Meetings was held at Bolton in 4th Month last. The Meetings at Northbridge, Worcester, Woonsocket and Blackstone were also visited, and the faith of believers confirmed.

Within the limits of Dover Quarterly Meeting, series of Meetings were held at Rochester, North Sandwich and Dover. In each of these, Bible Readings, were valuable aids to the work, by the blessing of God. At North Sandwich a prayer Meeting was soon after commenced, and quite a number of conversions proved the value of the work accomplished. At Gilmanton a series of 12 Meetings was held. An idea had crept in among them that perhaps it did not make very much difference whether the little Meeting was kept up or not, and the members were drifting towards various denominations. The work of the Committee seemed to be to convince them that watching or helping others to do their

part of the work in the great harvest-field does not relieve us from responsibility when the Master shall find the part committed to us all neglected. Friends were very much cheered and encouraged. Several Meetings were held at North Berwick, Maine., and faithful labor was also bestowed on families and individuals and at the bed-side of sick and suffering ones out of Christ; which resulted in several instances in turning the lost from a life of sin to lay hold by faith on the saving power of God.

Seven series of Meetings have been held in Falmouth Quar as follows:, Portland, Durham, Lewiston, Deering, and three at Windham. At Portland the series of Meetings was followed up for several weeks with continuous work, by one of the Committee and good results were apparent.

Vassalboro – In this Quarter the Meetings at China, West China, Dirigo, Vassalboro and East Vassalboro have been visited and the members encouraged to "continue in the grace of God." Acts XIII – 43.

In Fairfield Quarterly Meeting the Lord has graciously owned and blessed the service undertaken in His name for the reviving and renewing of the Church. At North Fairfield a series of 15 meetings was held in the 10th Mo, where a very signal blessing was experienced. The Holy Spirit was poured out in large measure, and the result was continual, weighty testimony of men and women who had counted the cost; and deliberately placed themselves in the Lords hands for service. A series of Meetings was also held at Winthrop in the 5th Month with satisfactory results. The Meeting at West Gardner was visited to the edification of believers.

Wherever series of Meetings have been held, the Members have been visited at their homes, and this service has proved very profitable. In addition to the work done by the Committee, five series of Meetings have been held within our limits by Messengers of the Gospel, from other Yearly Meetings, in which precious souls were saved and numbers were added to the Church.

We annex some Extracts from the report of Ministers engaged in evangelistic work.

1st – "I feel that the time is fully come when we are called upon to rebuild the walls of our Jerusalem, and I hear amid discouragements the call "Arise and build".

2nd "My work of late has not been so much evangelistic, that is, to such and convert outsiders, as directly to the Church. I find a lamentable state of ignorance of, or indifference to, the real object of Church organization. So many of our members seem to feel that if they attend their Meetings the most of the time, and the Answers to the Queries are not blank on their account, they are doing about all that is required of them. Their religion is of a negative rather than a positive character, consisting not in doing, but in not doing."
3rd The Lord has given some precious seals to our ministry during the last year, for which we praise His blessed name and give Him all the glory. The great difficulty is that too long intervals elapse between the visits of the Yearly Meeting Committee. The ground needs to be gone over very frequently in order that the best results may be obtained".

We are convinced that, in order to retain the benefits of these meetings, and hold all the positions where an advance step has been taken, pastors and teachers filled with the Holy Ghost, are greatly needed to follow up the work, and dispense according to the needs of the living members — "milk for babes" and "strong meat to them that are full of age, even to those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil". Heb V - 14. and we would earnestly recommend this subject to the prayerful attention of the Yearly Meeting. Revivals have marked the history of God's people throughout the whole course of His dealing with them, and our experience during the past year has demonstrated their propriety and value as we have labored aggressively under the constraining power of the love of Christ, for they have proved a blessed means of growth and ingathering; but many barren fields yet lie before us, inviting labourers to plant and water for the Master. We would recommend to the Yearly Meeting the continuance of such labor in the future under the care of a Committee, so that Zion may yet "lift up her voice with strength, and say unto the cities of Judah, "Behold your God." Isa XL-9

For the Committee
R. S. Aydelott, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

The sum placed at our disposal in aid of this work was —	$1,032.32
To which has been added	26.49
	$1,058.81
Expended during the year	539.78
Leaving in the hands of the Committee	$519.03

Anna G. Wood Treasurer.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.
Afternoon met pursuant to adjournment.

26. The Committee to promote the cause of Temperance in our own Society and in the community at large, presented their Report. This important concern has, we believe, received the faithful care and interest of the Committee during the past year. We are hopeful that within our own borders the practice of total abstinence is gaining ground and in the desire that as a body we may do our part in the work, we again refer the subject to the same Committee with the exception of our late friend Abby L Battey, deceased, for continued labor in this wide field of usefulness. The proposal for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance. The Report is as follows viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

Your Committee on Temperance have realized, as never before, the responsibility resting upon them as representing the sentiments of Friends in New England on the subject of total abstinence.

We entered upon our work at the beginning of the year with some knowledge of its needs; and, believing it is under the care of the Master of the vineyard, we have desired to depend upon the Holy Spirit for guidance and counsel. Although we have met with discouragements, and doubtless have not been free from mistakes, we gratefully acknowledge That wherein we have walked with Him, our loving Lord has not only owned and blessed our labors, but has given us a full and rich reward in our souls.

Public Meetings have been held in all the Quarterly Meetings and nearly all the Monthly Meetings. Many of these Meetings have been held throughout the day and evening in connection with the Quarterly Meetings, and wherever held, your Committee have been received with marked Kindness and courtesy, and their plans for the extension of the work have received a hearty co-operation. Increased interest in this important subject is very noticeable wherever the work has been prosecuted.

In the juvenile department, your Committee have been very active. Temperance schools have been established for the systematic instruction of the young

with regard to the effects of alcohol upon the system; First-day and week-day schools have been addressed, and in some cases temperance text books have been introduced into the public schools. Books and tracts suited to local needs have been largely distributed.

The Friends in one State have been active in circulating a petition asking the Legislature to enact a law, making instruction in the effects of alcoholics and narcotics upon the system compulsory in our public schools.

The veteran of the Committee has prepared an able paper on Alcoholics as a Medecine, which has been read very acceptably in different localities.

A Meeting in Friends School in 12th Month was profitably held. One member of the Committee has spent the whole year within the limits of another Yearly Meeting, and with a consecration to the work which many of us would do well to copy, has obeyed the injunction "sow beside all waters".

Our dear sister Abby S. Battey, of Woonsocket, R.I., who was deeply interested in the cause of temperance, and who was ever ready to encourage and aid by both word and deed, has heard the summons, "Come up higher", and has entered into the joy of her Lord. Her loving words of sympathy will not soon be forgotten by us.

Your Committee have held in all 71 public Meetings, and fully as large a number have been attended by them for active service, which were not at the call of the Committee.

Constitutional prohibition, the scientific instruction of the masses, and the reformation of the inebriate, appear to be the main points in our work. We think the testimony of Friends on these points should be as clear and decided as on that of slavery in years past:- that every man should vote as he prays, and every woman, until she is granted the same right, should bring her influence to bear upon this vital question.

While we have been greatly pleased by the advance in our Society of the sentiment of total abstinence, we have been deeply pained to note the slow progress of the anti-tobacco sentiment. "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord", is the Divine injunction, which all would do well to heed, realising at the same time that the uncleanness of the tobacco habit is the least objection to it. We will venture the assertion that Slavery to the use of tobacco seriously interferes with usefulness in any department of Christian service.

Other religious bodies are awake to this important subject.

The Methodist Conference will not license a man to preach who uses tobacco or alcoholics. We very much desire that our own Society should take as high a stand.

We commend a continuance of the work under a Committee, and that the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be placed at their disposal.

In behalf of the Committee

Mary Almy Chase, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Treasurer of the Committee on Temperance would make the following Report:—

Balance on hand from last year	50.00
Received of Yearly Meeting Treasurer the appropriation	150.00
Received interest and collections	6.00
	$206.00

Payments

Travelling expenses of workers	142.69
Literature, Cards Etc	47.30
Postage and Express	3.97
Printing and Stationery	2.75
Balance in the Treasury	9.29
	$206.00

John F. Chase, Treasurer.

Portland, Maine, 6th Mo 11th 1883.

Ezra Hawkes	Charles W. Goddard	Hannah F. Jenkins
Mary Almy Chase	S. Jane Cox	Isaac Warren Hawkes
John F. Chase	Edward S. Hacker	Harriet N. Jones
Harriet D. Collins	Elizabeth N. Perry	Emeline Meyers
Ellen K. Buffum	Joseph M. Hanson	James P. Boyce
James R. Collins	Alice Purinton	Elizabeth J. Larkin
Charles A. Chace	Lydia E. Sawyer	Alice W. Hawkes
Elizabeth H. Valentine	Samuel Buffum	
John F. Tucker	James S. Read	Committee on
Wm P. Macomber	Abigail Wheeler	Temperance 1883
Phebe B. Slocum	D. Wheeler Swift	
Hannah S. Wing	William Jacob	
Augustus F. Cox	Frank E. Jones	
Esther Osborn	Lydia E Frye	

27. The Committee appointed at a previous sitting in reference to the proposition from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, presented a report; which is accepted, and the Committee released. The Meeting did not see its way at this time to make any change in the Query as suggested.

28. The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their Annual Report. In connection with this, we have listened with deep interest to the testimony of our dear friend Eli Jones, who has lately returned from Brumana, to its successful work. We can but look for large and blessed results from the opening of the Girls Training Home. We commend this interesting concern, which lies so near to the heart of this Yearly Meeting, to the continued care of Friends. We again entrust the charge to the same Committee for another year, with the exception of our late friend Abby S. Battey, deceased. The request of the Committee for an appropriation, is referred to the Committee on Finance. The sum of six hundred dollars was collected by voluntary contribution during this session and placed in the hands of the Committee. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees, to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year. The Report is as follows, Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The ninth annual Report of the Foreign Mission Committee must in some measure repeat what has been said before, that the work is going on, that difficulties have been met with, but that the Master has been pleased to grant daily strength for daily need.

The two events of the year at Brumana have been the opening of the Girls Training Home, and the visit of our friends Eli Jones and Charles M. Jones.

The Girls Training Home placed on land donated by Maria Feltham and erected by subscriptions from Friends in America, was furnished by English Women Friends, and finally opened 10th Month 27th, in the presence of about three hundred people, among whom were Princes, Members of the Tribunal, and other persons of influence. Addresses were made by Eli Jones, by the Judge of the Tribunal, and others. A poem was read by the Secretary of the Central Government of Mount Lebanon, and a

hymn sung by the 15 girls who had been selected for the Home. After this, the assembly dispersed, heartily expressing their good wishes, one man enthusiastically saying that he hoped the workers in the Home might live a thousand years.

Maria Feltham in charge of the Home, is a Minister of our Society from England who has given herself to the work, actuated by the love of Christ. The teacher Mariianna Abo Nasir, appears to be well fitted for her work, and is exerting a good influence.

Eli and Charles M. Jones arrived at Brumana 10th Month 11th 1882, and spent four months there. They found much service for their Master in preaching the Gospel, in aiding at the Hospital, at the Training Homes and Day Schools, besides acquiring a title to all the real estate there, which is now held by Wm C. Allen R. Kingston Fox and Edward Pearson, members of the English Syrian Committee, and Eli Jones, Charles M. Jones and Timothy B. Hussey, members of the Foreign Mission Committee of New England Yearly Meeting.

It was also found that the Mission had become so much enlarged that the entire care of all its various departments was resting too heavily on the shoulders of the superintendent; for his relief and the better carrying on of the work, a conference of the workers there who were members of the Society of Friends, and had definite departments of work under their care, was formed. These meet every alternate Fifth-day at 4 P.M. This division of labor and responsibility is adding much to the efficient working of the Mission, and has been heartily approved by the English and our own Committee.

Their visit was evidently a strength and comfort to the earnest workers of the Mission, while they have aided us also by the reports they have brought us.

The First-day Meetings at Brumana have been attended by Greeks, Maronites, Greek Catholics, Druses and Protestants, about 200 in all. One day there was present a Native of Mesopotamia, a negro woman rescued from slavery, and a Bedouin, who had pitched his tent near the Mission, besides the other nationalities. To all these the Gospel was fully and freely preached. First-day Meetings were also held at Beit-Mary and Mansourieh, both in the midst of much

opposition and blessed to those who attended them. Meetings are held in the evening for the instruction of the ignorant, and a Mid-week Meeting at Brumana.

The Monthly Meetings have been regularly held and well attended; the members have been much encouraged by the Epistles received from various sources.

The Mothers' Meetings, temporarily discontinued on account of Susan Waldmeier's severe illness, have now recommenced, and are doing good work. Tract-distribution has been entered upon to some extent the past year, and 4000 tracts have been scattered through the villages. Many of the recipients have testified in regard to them, saying, "We can understand religion now much better; we have a better idea of Jesus Christ; and we have learned that He is indeed the true Savior."

The Training Home for Boys has now thirty-one pupils, and there is a commendable degree of improvement in them. The value of the education there is so highly esteemed by the people of the neighborhood, that there are many more applications than can be received. Many of the boys who have left the School are gaining their own living, and, by their conduct, doing credit to the instruction they have received. Three of them have become members of the Monthly Meeting.

The Day Schools at Brumana and neighboring villages have been continued, except the one at Rooney, which was closed for a time, and then re-opened under the care of a female teacher, since which time it has been prosperous. Some of the scholars have died during the year, but we have the consoling assurance that they trusted in Jesus. One of them just before she died said to those around her, "I learned to love Jesus in the School, and I love Him now." She repeated this twice, and then passed on, as we believe, to Glory.

The Hospital and Dispensary continue to be under the devoted care of Dr Beshara. About 3500 souls have heard the good tidings of salvation in connection with this department during the past year.

Besides many large donations in money this year, we have thankfully to acknowledge the kindness of many friends, who contributed to fill the Christmas Box for the Children. It arrived just in time, and the joy and gratitude with which its contents were received was very great. Another valuable gift was the nice flooring of marble tiles for the verandah of the Boys' Home, contributed by Joseph A. Fales, a member of Brumana Monthly

Meeting, at a cost of about $55.

Our proportion of the expenses of the Mission has been paid as usual. The demand upon us has however exhausted the means at our control. The appropriation by the Yearly Meeting was aided by many subscriptions, especially those for $100 each from Clark Shove, B. F. Knowles, Isaiah Slade James H. Chace, Ellen L. Congdon and Elizabeth H. Fannum. The two latter payments were, at the request of the donors, added to the permanent fund for the Girls Training Home. The Women of Western Yearly Meeting have materially aided in the support of the latter Institution by undertaking the education of seven girls.

We commend the Mission at Rumania to the continued care of the Yearly Meeting, and ask an appropriation of $750. toward its support the current year.

On behalf of the Committee

Susan T. Thompson Clerk

Portland Sixth Month 11th 1882

Committee on Foreign Missions.

Eli Jones	J. Warren Starkey	Benjamin F. Knowles
Rebecca H. Smiley	Mary W. Jones	Caroline Metcalf
William Thompson	Sylvia G. Howland	William H. Beale
Susan T. Thompson	Albert C. Ruffum	Abbie M. Harris
Harriet N. Jones	Henry T. Wood	Timothy B. Hussey
George Howland, Jr.	Anna G. Wood	Elizabeth K. Hoxie
Sarah F. Tobey	Obadiah Chace	Moses Sawyer
Augustus F. Cox	Eli Jepson	Hannah B. Sawyer
Eliza R. Varney	Charles M. Jones	Rachel S. Howland
Harriet G. Collins	Elizabeth H. Newhall	Rebekah H. Leighton.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Third-day morning the 12th. The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

29. The Meeting was informed that the late General Conference of the Congregational Churches of Maine had sent to this Meeting a delegate who was in attendance at this session. He presented the following Minute which was read.

"General Conference of the Congregational Churches in Maine

This may certify:—

That at the Annual Meeting of the Representative Conference of the Congregational Churches in Maine, held in Bangor, June 22nd 1882 Rev Frank E. Clark, of Portland, Moderator of the General Conference of Maine, was duly appointed to the Yearly Meeting of the Friends in New England.

Elnathan F. Duren, Recording Secretary.

Our visiting Brother, in an address of Christian greeting, told us of the warm feeling of sympathy and regard which animated the Conference, as they looked forward to the gathering of this Yearly Meeting in Maine. He expressed the conviction that the union of all Christians in their Holy Head has ever been the bond of tender relationship between them, and in which differences cease to exist. He warmly expressed a desire that we may be so earnestly engaged to press forward in the heavenly race, as to be an incentive to the other, and to Christians throughout the world, to greater zeal, more watchfulness, and to entire dedication to our Lord, each looking forward to the time when all His children shall meet together around His throne to unite in the ascription of praise to Him who has redeemed us out of every nation with His own blood.

This Meeting unites in the warm fraternity with the earnest desire that our Heavenly Father's richest blessing may rest upon the Conference and all it represents, and that at last we may be united in the one Congregation in Heaven.

30. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by this Meeting.

31. A postscript to the Epistle received from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, in reference to the building of a Friends Meeting House at Washington D.C. has been read, and we appoint our friends Ezra Comfort, Edwin M. Jones, Benjamin F. Hunter, Obadiah Chace, George Howland, Jr., Samuel R. Buffington, Charles M. Bailey, William Thompson, Charles B. Cales, George Douglas, Edwin P. Buffum, Isaac M. Lowry, Samuel J. Bailey, Rachel B. Nichols, Sophia D. Bailey, Anna G. Wood, Margaret B. Cales, Ruth S. Murray and Electa Jane Collins, to consider the subject, and report their judgment thereon

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[illegible] meeting.

[illegible] summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute of that meeting, was laid before this Meeting and read, viz:-

Answer 1st. With little exception, we are diligent in attending our Meetings for worship and discipline, and in good measure careful to promote the [illegible] families.

Answer 2d. With some exception, we are in unity one with another, and with the Meetings to which we belong, harmoniously labouring together in gathering unto Christ.

Answer 3d. We are diligent [illegible] in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents, under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, and careful not to mis-quote or mis-apply them, with some exception noted in the Answers from [illegible] of the Yearly Meetings.

Minute of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The presence of the Lord has been mercifully granted unto us at this time as we have been drawn closely to-gether in the bonds of Christian love, and have realized the preciousness of the oneness of Christ who is the Head over all things to His Church, God blessed forever. An earnest desire has prevailed that our Society might be a more earnest and efficient agency in the Lord's hands in carrying the [illegible] of Salvation to a lost and needy world.

Fervent supplication was offered that the Lord would remember Zion, and strengthen her stakes and lengthen her cords. In the construction of tents the stakes and cords are proportionate. We were instructed that if we would [illegible] our tents, our stakes must be sound and strong, that longer cords may be tied to them.

The parable of the [illegible], with some of the trials incident to the journey of human life were set forth, and [illegible] "Have you come to Christ?"

There is peace in Christ, in whom the child of the Lord rejoices with joy unspeakable and full of glory. As we come near to the Savior in fellowship with the Father and with the Son, we get near to one another in love, and experience a preparation to work in the Master's service.

Unitedly we need to wage aggressive warfare against the foe without, not hedging ourselves up in the citadel, and let each work in the way the Master leads; all are not called to work in the same way; and may the Lord pour out upon us the spirit of life and power.

In the early days of this Society, sharp instruments were raised up among the young declaring the glory of the Lord with wonderous power to the conversion of souls. The cause now needs the zeal and fervor of this class.

New life should not be subdued, but its holy energies bent in the right direction, in channels of usefulness for the Church. Powerless ourselves, let us remember the words of one "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me."

Living near the fountain, we may be kept holy, harmless, undefiled, showing forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Alfred H. Jones, Clerk.

33. The Committee on Mission Work in North Carolina and other States in the South have made their Report, which has been read. We feel grateful that the Committee have been enabled to accomplish so much, especially in the Educational department of their work, evidently the Lord is blessing their efforts, and we conclude to continue the concern under the care of a Committee. We refer the nomination of a Committee to our friends John W. Hanson, Louisa N. Meader, Nathan Pope, Sarah W. Goddard, William P. Macomber, Susan T. Thompson, Myra E. Frye, Reuben T. Jones, Anna M. Hussey, Benjamin A. Chace and Alfred H. Jones. The application for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance. The Report is as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee on Educational and Mission Work in North Carolina have continued

the care of this important field of labor during the past year, and are gratified to be able to report that we believe the efforts have been blessed.

Three schools have been sustained a part of the year, all of them in Iredell County, as our limited means prevented us from extending further. The schools were at Hunting Creek Winthrop and Cedar Grove. That at Hunting Creek is now in session, and is a flourishing school, under the instruction of James A. Johnson, assisted by Nancy J. Johnson. The teacher reports a total enrolement of 60. The school will close at the end of the present month, which will complete eight months of school in that place, an assistant teacher having been employed four months of the time.

Both of these teachers were scholars in our first school instituted in this Mission-field six years ago. They and many more of our first scholars are now well educated ambitious and useful citizens. One of them, who was a very promising young man just entering into usefulness, was taken sick and died a few months ago. His death was a triumphant and happy one. He was teaching one of our schools when attacked with the disease which ended his life. During his sickness, he often expressed his heartfelt gratitude for what had been done for him and his people by New England Friends, and often prayed for his benefactors.

Fannie Carson continued the School at Winthrop six months of the past year, with the same earnest devotion that has characterized her labors during the past six years of her work in that place, and it is impossible for words to express how great a change has been wrought there in that time. A flourishing Meeting and Bible School have been established by her labors. The people have been elevated, and an ambition aroused in many of them that was never felt before. Yet there is so much room for improvement in some, that she feels that, in comparison to it, what has been done is very small.

The School at Cedar Grove, by our aid, was held three months. The report of the teacher was satisfactory.

One hundred and twenty four scholars attended our three Schools. Most of them were the children of Friends.

Two barrels well filled with clothing and

useful articles were sent to the Mission field last winter; one from Lynn by the care of Elizabeth R. Hoxie, and one from New Bedford by Sarah A. Holmes, both of whom have the gratitude of the other members of the Committee, and the heartfelt thanks of those whose necessities were relieved by the timely sent articles.

We think it advisable to continue the Mission another year under the care of a Committee, and that $350, be appropriated to promote this work.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee

Hannah J. Bailey, Secretary.

Portland Maine 6th Mo 12th 1883.

Treasurers Report.

Receipts

1882 Twelfth Month,	Received of George Howland Jr. Treasurer of Yly Mtg	$300.00
Fifth Month	" from a Friend	65.68
		$365.68

Expenditures

1882 Sixth Month.	Balance last years accounts	$ 1.08
Eleventh "	Paid for School Books	3.33
Twelfth "	" in aid of poor Friends	5.00
	" for freight on goods &c	4.00
1883 Second Month.	" " School books and postage	22.06
	" " Traveling expenses of teacher	3.47
Fourth Month.	Teachers salaries from 10th Mo 26th 1882 to 3d Mo 31st 1883,	255.00
	Paid teachers on account of Salaries	20.00
Sixth Month	" " balance of "	51.74
		$365.68

For the Committee

Matthew Howland, Treasurer.

New Bedford, 6th Mo 1st 1883.

34. The Committee appointed for that purpose, propose the following named Friends to constitute a Committee on General Meetings and their Gospel service, which are satisfactory, and they are appointed accordingly, viz:—

Eli Jones	Henry T. Wood	Charles H. Jones
Phebe S. Aydelott	Alice Almy	William Jacob
Anna G. Wood	Henry C. Aydelott	Charles M. Jones
Rebecca H. Smiley	Harriet T. Collins	J. Warren Carter
Ruth S. Murray	Elizabeth T. Larkin.	Wm P. Macomber

Sarah C. Goddard	Susan T. Thompson	Hannah S. Wing
Lydia Taight	Cyrus Cartland	George W. Farr
Wm Thompson	Timothy B. Hussey	Joseph E. Briggs.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon in joint Session.
Afternoon Met pursuant to adjournment.

35. The Committee on the Concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen of the South have presented their fifth Annual Report, together with the Report of the Committee of the Freedmens Journal Institute at Maryville, Tenn, made by its Superintendent William P. Hastings. The care of this Committee, as well as the advancement of the pupils under their charge is very satisfactory. We again refer this Concern to the same Committee. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance. The Report is as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

Again in presenting our Report to the Meeting, of the work done last year at Maryville Tennessee, for the Elevation of the Freedmen, by giving them a good secular education to fit them for usefulness, and a sound Christian training that looks more to the change of a bad heart to a good one than to a mere profession of religion, we find much that is encouraging, and for which we ought to be truly thankful.

The School opened favorably at the usual time in the 8th Month with one hundred and seven pupils enrolled. Owing to many who were arranging to teach district schools, only Eight were in the Normal Class.

At the close of the Fall Term, in the 12th Month, one hundred and seventy two were enrolled, and 35 were in the Teachers Training Class, receiving instruction with the view of being fitted for teaching, and 80 former students, during the Year, were engaged in District or common Schools.

The interest taken in the Sabbath Schools and the Religious Meetings indicates a growth in the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ, which, while it fits for business, gives true dignity to man.

We have reason to believe that, in no previous year has the Institution accom-

plished more successfully the object for which it was established.

William S. Hastings, the Principal of the School, has been much of the time from home, laboring in the interest of temperance and education among the colored people; the management has devolved mostly upon the Assistant Superintendent, his daughter, Sue A. Turner, assisted by her husband, mother and others; but all under the general supervision of the Principal, whose labors from home, no doubt have made the Institution more generally known to those it was designed to benefit.

Some needed repairs were made the past year upon the building, principally upon the porch, but not being able to make a satisfactory arrangement for covering the roof until it was too late, it was allowed to remain at some inconvenience, but negotiations are now going on which it is hoped will prove satisfactory.

The amount due the Principal, over last years appropriation, and the repairs, with some bedding for the Dormitory, and a much needed pump, have all been paid by the rent of the rooms in the Dormitory, including two dollars given by a dear friend.

The noble work done at this Institution for the colored people and our country, we hope will not be curtailed for the want of pecuniary help. We therefore ask for an appropriation of $1000.

For the Committee

B. F. Knowles

Annual Report of the Freedmens Normal Institute, Maryville, Tenn., from 8th Mo 21st 1882, to 5th Mo 18 1883.

Number of days taught	188
" Enrolled	237
Averaged daily	96.7+
Number in Teachers Training Class	109
" teaching in different States during the year	80
" of teachers sent out from the Inst	119
" " boarders in the Buildings	64
Whole Number of boarders in the buildings and Institution	75
Cost of board to each self-boarder, per week, about	$1.00
Number of Board Friends belonging to Maryville Mo Mtg	62
" taught Arithmetic	206
" " English Grammar	169

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Number taught English Composition	118
" " Geography	106
" " United States History	35
" " Book-Keeping	6
" " Algebra	8
" " Latin	4

In comparing the statistics of this and previous years, it will be observed that a larger number have been enrolled than during any preceding year. The attendance also has improved. The advancement has been well sustained. The cheerful submission of the students to our plan of thorough qualification in the branches especially needed to fit them for the practical duties of life, instead of the ordinary process of "cramming" with a smattering of branches, with high-sounding names, has been worthy of note.

The Bible School work has been especially interesting, as have also the Meetings for Worship and Discipline of Southern Reparative Meeting, whose stated Meetings have been held twice a week during the year, besides a series of Meetings held by a dear Friend and Minister of the Gospel, from Ohio, together with a Ministering Friend from Indiana, who joined him in the service a part of the time.

The peaceable principles of the Gospel as professed by Friends have been faithfully upheld in the religious Meetings and First-day School; and, as opportunity offered, in the course of imparting literary instruction in the general work of the Institution. We now have many warm advocates of the principles of peace, even among those not members of our religious society.

Through twelve years of labor in this work at Maryville, we feel thankful to acknowledge that we have been sustained by the hand of our Divine Master, whom we have ever found to be strength in weakness and a present help in every time of need.

William P. Hastings, Principal

Friends' Committee

Benjamin F. Knowles	Gertrude W. Eastland
Charles F. Coffin	Hannah J. Bailey
Joseph E. Briggs	Hannah B. Sawyer.
Moses Sawyer	

36. The Trustees of the George Lurge Fund now presented their 2nd Annual Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and is as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting

The investment of the Fund remains the same as at our last Report, and the 25 Consolidated Mortgage Bonds of the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company, £. 200 each, are, for safe keeping, in the vaults of the Rhode Island Safe Deposit Co. in Providence.

The trust deed, at our last report, which was in England when it had been sent to receive some necessary legal endorsements, has since been returned and recorded, giving the Trustees power to collect the bonds when due, which without the Endorsements they would not have had. This deed is also kept in the vault with the bonds.

Sixteen students in the Fall Term and fifty eight in the Spring Term were in the Teachers Training Class, receiving help from the truly noble gift of our dear English friend. The time these students have been helped by the Fund is equal to giving instruction to more than Thirty-two for an entire School Year of 38 weeks. This benefit, Friends and the donor may rest assured is not unappreciated by the recipients.

The principal cause why so few were in the Normal Class during the Fall Term, may be found in the engagements that young men and women were making to teach district or common Schools, and the unusual prevalence of small pox in some sections of the Southern States contiguous to Maryville.

As the colored people in East Tenn. are not numerous, the school for students is dependent largely upon other places; and when it is more generally known that students, who intend fitting themselves for teaching, can be liberally helped, it is believed the Fall Term will be more fully attended.

Financial Statement.

Receipts

Balance from last account	$109.50
Received for coupons due 7th Month 1882	727.50
Interest on deposit Eleventh Month	6.39
Received for Coupons due 1st Month 1883	727.50
Interest on deposit up to Fifth Month	14.09
	$1584.98

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Expenditures.

Paid as per Bills of Students for Fall Term	$ 120.75
" " " " " " " Spring "	804.00
Balance on hand Sixth Month 1st 1883	660.24
	$1584.99

To the Trustees

B. F. Knowles.

Trustees

Benjamin F. Knowles	Owen Dame	Susan T. Thompson
Samuel R. Buffington	Rebecca H. Smiley	
Augustine Jones	Ellen K. Buffum	

37. The Committee to disburse the income arising from the Mosher Fund presented their Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Committee is continued for service another year. The Report is as follows, Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to disburse the income of the Mosher Fund report that the books purchased during the year have been 524 copies of "Memories of Stanley Pumphrey" and 480 copies of a new edition of "Valient for the Truth". The latter have just been procured, and are not yet distributed.

We also contributed Seventy-five dollars in aid of Friends Mexican Mission, which, together with a like sum appropriated by the Mosher Committee of New York Yearly Meeting defrayed in part the cost of printing in the Spanish Language some small books illustrative of the doctrines and principles of our religious society.

Our receipts and expenditures have been as follows.

Receipts

Remaining on hand from last year	$176.77
Received from Charles F. Coffin for Trustees	482.46
" interest on deposits to 1st Month 1883	2.11
	$661.34

Expenditures.

Sent to Samuel A. Purdie, Mexico	$ 75.00
Paid for 524 copies of "Memories of Stanley Pumphrey"	314.40
" " 480 " " "Valient for the Truth"	240.00
" Expenses of transportation	14.55
Remaining in hands of Committee	17.39
	$661.34

On behalf of the Committee

Alfred H. Jones

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Rebecca H. Smiley

Committee on the income of the Mosher Fund.

Henry T. Wood	John Elwood Paige	Ruth S. Munoz
Alfred H. Jones	Rebecca H. Smiley	Esther Jones

38. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund, viz:-

Income for past year.

Balance from last year		$7.46
Interest from Boston Bond		500.00
" " New Bedford Institution for Savings		30.49
" " Lynn " " "		63.98 $601.93

Expenditures for past year

Paid to J. Elwood Paige, Treasurer of Publishing Com.	$482.46
Added to capital, one-fifth of income	119.47
	$601.93

Investment of the Mosher Fund.

City of Boston 5% Registered Bond	$10,000.00
Lynn Institution for Savings	1,684.46
New Bedford " " "	701.16
	1,2385.62

For the Trustees

C. F. Coffin

Lynn 6th Mo 6th 1883.

39. The Report of the Committee on Bible Schools was presented and read, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the committee now under appointment is continued for service another year. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance. The Report is as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The past year we have given the subject our careful attention, and, in various parts of our Yearly Meeting, Friends have been interested and willing to assist in forwarding the work; yet there is need of more earnest and united action. Conferences have been held at So Durham, Maine, and at New Bedford, Mass. Delegates were chosen from nearly all the Schools, and at So Durham 53 attended, at New Bedford the attendance was not so large, but at both places Friends gave them a most cordial welcome.

These Conferences, we believe, were blessed by our loving Fath and many were encouraged and quickened to greater devot to the work of the Bible School.

Quarterly Conferences have been held by all the Quarte Meetings, except one.

Thirty-two Schools report an increasing intere in Bible study, and forty-three use Lesson Helps, eight of this number use those prepared by Friends.

We have received a request from Salem Quarterly Conf ence, that this Yearly Meeting take some action in regar to publishing a series of Lesson Helps, which shall be fully equal to any in merit, and set forth the truths o the Lesson as believed by us. We recommend that the sum of $200 be placed at the disposal of the Bible School Committee which may be appointed at this time; and now commend to the care of the Yearly Meeting this work, the importance of which cannot be estimated.

We present the following Statistical Report of the Bible Schools in the several Quarterly Meetings:—

	Number Schools	Number Scholars	Number Friends in School	Average attendance		Number Schools	Number Scholars	Number Friends in School	Average attendance
Rhode Island	9	571	426	401	Smithfield	7	262	139	157
Salem	4	400	251	256	Vassalboro	3	120	76	66
Sandwich	4	267	153	223	Dover	5	159	114	120
Falmouth	10	399	217	254	Fairfield	6	458	446	279

Ten Schools with an aggregate membership of about one hundred and eighty have not been reported.

Phebe Wing
Secretary pro tem.

O. T. Meader
Chairman.

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts.

Balance from last year	$31.56	
Appropriation for 1882-3	50.00	
		$81.56

Expenditures

Expenses, printing, &c. for the two General Conferences.	$38.55
Other expenses of Conferences	16.90
Travelling expenses, visiting Schools	6.00
Printing Report of Schools	9.00
Literature supplied	16.28
	$86.73
Balance due the Treasurer	5.17
	$81.56

The suggestion contained in the Report in regard to publishing a series of Lesson Helps, claiming our attention, we conclude to refer the subject to a Committee who shall be authorized to decide upon the feasibility of uniting their efforts with the "Friends Publishing Association", or to act independently, as their judgment may dictate. This Committee are authorized to receive subscriptions from such Friends as are willing to contribute to carry on the work. We appoint Charles Taber, Ruth S. Murray, Charles H. Jones and George A. Barton as said Committee. Names of Committee on Bible Schools as follows Viz:- I. Warren Hawkes, Sarah A. Hill, Samuel Buffum, Phebe Wing, William T. Collins, Almira B. Buffum, Harriet D. Collins, John T. Tucker, Elizabeth A. Douglas, John Metcalfe, Rachel S. Howland, Saloma C. Wheeler, Charles W. Goddard, Caleb Jones, Olney T. Meader, Mary R. Jones.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.
Fourth-day Morning, the 13th
The Meeting assembled in joint-session, pursuant to adjournment.

40. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi River, have presented a Report which has been read. The work of such improvement in Civilization and Christianization which has characterised the efforts of Friends in behalf of this much injured and oft-provoked people, is cause of reverent gratitude to our Father in Heaven for what has been done in the past; and believing that usefulness would result from the continuance of this interesting work under the care of a Committee, we conclude to continue the Friends now under appointment for service another year, with the addition of Augustine Jones and Anthony M. Kimber.

The sum of $419. was raised in the Meeting to assist in

building two Meeting-houses within the limits of Grand River Monthly Meeting, Indian Territory. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance. The Report is as follows, Viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting

The Joint-Committee on Indian concerns Report, that while nearly all the direct labor in behalf of the Indians must devolve upon the Associated Executive Committee of the several Yearly Meetings, our Committee has to some extent co-operated with them, and have upheld them in their work.

There continue to be three Friends acting as agents, who were nominated by us, Viz:- John D Miles, at the Cheyenne and Arrapahoe Agency; Laban J. Miles, at the Osage Agency; and Jacob V. Carter, of the Sac and Fox Agency. The number of Indians under their care is about 10.500. The Indian Commissioner has informed the Committee that it may be called upon to nominate a Friend for another Agency during the coming year.

There are 7 Boarding-Schools and 2 Day-Schools reported, beside 3 Schools among Shawnees in Cherokee County assisted by us. There had an enrollment of 602 pupils during the year. The average attendance however was considerably less. Six of the Superintendents and Matrons have been Friends; of the Teachers and Helpers in the Schools, 17 are members with Friends. In all the Boarding Schools, those who are old enough work at farm or household employments. Indeed, this branch of Education seems to be kept largely in view in the future of the Indians. Great promise of good in this direction is, we trust, to be realized from the School now established at Wabash, Indiana. As in the past however, we find that the religious work is most largely our sphere, and gives the richest promise of blessing.

Grand River Monthly Meeting of Friends report their number 140. During the past year 17 have been received into membership, 4 disowned, and 3 died. Very many of them are leading good, exemplary lives as Christian men and women, while some have seemingly received the Word with gladness, yet having no root in themselves, soon withered. Still many are firm and faithful in the attendance of the Monthly and Quarterly Meetings.

During a part of the past winter traveling was almost impossible; some of them would say when Monthly Meeting time came, "We must try and be at our Meeting," and were there. It is truly gratifying to see them so relying on the Lord as their leader and helper.

Their testimony is, that they are glad they have found the way. It is remarkable how some of these have stood up so bravely and conscientiously to do the Master's work. Steamboat Frank is a truly devoted man, not only when at Meeting, but in regard to every thing. His question is, "Does the Lord want this or that?" The Master's decision is his. Others show their faith by works.

At Fairmouth Quarterly Meeting an amount was subscribed to defray the expenses of two Indians to Kansas Yearly Meeting. A letter was received, signed by two Modocs, expressing their gratitude for the favor, from which the following was taken:- "I very much thank the Friends for leading us the way our Savior to go, was very interested in the Friends to take us to Yearly Meeting. It just opened mine eyes to see the way for me to go. So I would try to love the Lord with all my heart. I have never forgotten yet what I promised them, and they me that they would pray for me. So many of the white people from far away were surprised to hear Indians talking in Meeting. They thought the Indians would not learn of the Savior; that it was hard for them to learn about Christ; but it seems to me when they taste the crumbs from the Master's table, that it is sweet to them, they love to think of Christ."

Eliza Watson, who wrote for them, adds, "I want to say I was very much impressed by the solemn manner with which they spoke, it seemed like a Meeting for worship more than dictating a letter".

The Bible Schools in Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting have collected about $60.00 which they forwarded to John M. Watson. $56.13 of the Ormiel Gifford bequest has been used to repair the White Institute at Wabash County, Indiana.

The whole amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is $3500. The quota of this Yearly Meeting is $595.00 We recommend that this sum be appropriated.

On behalf of the Committee

Sarah W. Goddard

Joseph E. Biggs.

Committee on Western Indians.

Henry T. Wood	Mary W. Jones	Myra E. Frye
Anna G. Wood	Elizabeth H. Newhall	Thomas J. Battey
John F. Tucker	Augustine Jones	Sarah M. Goddard
Wm C. Newhall	Rebecca Anthony	Hannah T. Jenkins
Ellen K. Buffum	Eli Jefferson	Joseph E. Briggs
Sarah Caroline Tobey	Elizabeth K. Hoxie	Anthony M. Kimber
Susan Peckham	John J. Frye of Portland	Thomas B. Buffum

41. We have felt drawn to send a delegation to the approaching Conference of Congregational Churches in Maine, soon to assemble in Farmington. For this service, and to convey to the Conference our Christian salutation, we appoint our Friends Timothy B. Hussey and Rebecca H. Smith.

42. The Committee appointed for that purpose presented the following Report, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed to propose names for a Committe for Mission Work in North Carolina present the following, viz:-

Benjamin F. Knowles	Ellen K. Buffum	Susan G. Kempton
Alfred H. Jones	Susan H. Meader	Rachel S. Howland
Hannah J. Bailey	Olney T. Meader	Charles M. Jones
Mary R. Jones	A. Chalkley Collins	Nellie Bangs
Matthew Howland	Phebe Wing	Joseph T. Briggs
James R. Collins	Martha Varney	Mary S. Wood
Elwood G. Macomber	Arthur M. Hussey	Richard Battey
Charles A. Chace	Jennie M. Cartland	Sarah J. Swift
Phebe S. Aydelott	Mary E. Cartland	Nellie Johnson.

On behalf of the Committee

John W. Hanson

Susan T. Thompson

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The Report is approved, and the Friends proposed are appointed to that service.

43. The Representatives to whom was referred the proposition from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, report as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting

The Representatives to whom was referred

the Proposition from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, asking the Yearly Meeting to consider the propriety of curtailing some of its annual expenses, have carefully considered the subject, and, while they feel great sympathy for those of our members who find it hard to meet all the demands upon their small means, it does not seem to them proper to recommend any change at this time in the policy heretofore practiced by the Yearly Meeting in raising funds to meet its appropriations.

Owen Dame, Clerk.

Portland 6th Mo 12th 1883

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting.

44. The Committee on the subject of Peace have presented their annual Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee on the subject of Peace report that some tracts and other reading matter illustrative of this subject have been distributed during the year.

A memorial addressed to both houses of the Congress of the United States, was prepared, strongly commending to that body the subject of arbitration in the settlement of differences between nations rather than to resort to war. This memorial was received with consideration, and appropriately referred.

Upon the subject referred to us by the Yearly Meeting, relative to the International Arbitration Convention, appointed to assemble in Philadelphia in the Eleventh Month next, we are united in the proposal that a delegation to that Convention be appointed at this time, and for that service we would nominate Eli Jones, Timothy B. Hussey and Anthony M. Kimber.

The sum of $38.88 in the hands of the Committee last-Year, has not been expended.

On behalf of the Committee

George Richardson

Susan T. Thompson

Portland 6th Mo 12th 1883

The Report is satisfactory, and we appoint the three Friends above named, Delegates to the International Arbitration Convention; and believing that usefulness would result from the appointment of a new Committee,— John J. Frye, S. Jane Cox, Thomas B. Nichols, Charles A. Nichols, Myra E. Frye, James T. Boyce,

Jacob K. Purinton and John Metcalfe are appointed to present at a future Sitting the names of suitable Friends to constitute said Committee

45. The Committee under appointment in reference to the few Members of our Society residing in the British Provinces, made the following Report, Viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee having charge of Friends from the British Provinces that those under our immediate care have mostly become self-supporting; but as the advanced age of one renders continued care necessary, we would recommend that the care remain under the care of a small Committee for the present.

The appropriation of last year has not been wholly expended, but we think an additional sum of twenty-five dollars will be required.

On behalf of the Committee
George Richardson
Sarah M. Richardson

Portland 6th Mo 13th 1883

The nomination of a new Committee was referred to the Friends appointed to nominate a Committee on Peace.

46. The Committee to consider the Proposition from Baltimore Yearly Meeting presented the following Report, Viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject brought before this Yearly Meeting by our Friends in Baltimore, would report that they have met and considered the proposition; they were united in recommending the appointment of three Friends to confer with the Committee of Baltimore, and such other Yearly Meetings who may concern in this object and report to this Meeting Next Year. They would propose Ezra Hawkes, George Howland and Benjamin F. Knowles as that Committee.

On behalf of the Committee
Ruth S. Murray.

The Report is satisfactory, and we appoint the Friends nominated to that service

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon in separate sessions.

Afternoon met pursuant to adjournment.

47. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year. The Friends named are satisfactory to the Meeting and are appointed accordingly, Viz:—

Benjamin F. Knowles	Alfred H. Jones	Aiven Dame
William C. Taber	George Douglas	James H. Chace
Charles M. Bailey	Wm C. Newhall	Samuel R. Buffinton
Sophia D. Bailey	Charles F. Coffin	Mary A. [illegible]
Richard Battey	Charles Taber	Reuben T. Jones
Sarah F. Tobey	Lydia Haight	Timothy B. Hussey
Ellen K. Buffum	Hannah J. Bailey	Eli Jones
Enoch Hoag	S. Jane Cox	Thomas B. Nichols
George Howland Jr.,	Anna G. Wood	Gulielma M. Thandike
Augustine Jones	Augustus F. Cox	Huldah S. Buffum
William Thompson	Jacob K. Pennington	Susan S. Thompson
Henry T. Wood	Anthony M. Kimber	Harriet D. Collins.
Rachel B. Nichols	David K. Akin	

48. Epistles to New York, North Carolina and Ireland were now read and approved.

49. The Committee appointed for that purpose propose the following-named Friends to constitute a Committee on the subject of Peace, which is satisfactory and adopted, as follows, Viz:— James P. Boyce, George A. Barton, Charles W. Goddard, Miriam Cartland, Eli Jones, Samuel R. Buffinton, Mary A. Gifford, James R. Collins Charles H. Jones and Huldah S. Jones.

50. Upon the nomination of the same Committee, the following-named Friends are appointed a Committee in reference to the few members of our Society in the British Provinces, Viz:—Benjamin F. Knowles, Hannah J. Bailey, George Richardson, Thomas B. Nichols and Rachel B. Nichols.

51. The Clerk is authorized to sign, on our behalf,

the following minute for our friend Alexander M. Purdy viz:- Alexander M. Purdy attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us"; and similar ones for Rufus P. King, S. Adelbert Wood, Micajah M. Binford, Amos M. Kenworthy, Phebe H. Kenworthy, Louisa M. Fulgum, Leuke Woodard, John T. Dorland, Jr, and Mary H. Rogers.

52. The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend James T. Richardson viz:- Our friend James T. Richardson, attended this Meeting, His company is acceptable to us.

53. This Meeting concurs with the Women's Meeting in adding Ruthanna H. Nichols and Phebe Wing to the Educational Committee.

54. The following Minute on behalf of our friend Isaac Sharp has been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting, viz:- To Darlington Monthly and Durham Quarterly Meetings, and London Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight;

"Dear friends;

Our beloved friend Isaac Sharp attended this Meeting with credentials from your Meetings. The company of this dear brother has been very acceptable to us. We have seen the cheerful alacrity of his service, and the protecting care of the Lord which has been extended over him through these long years. We rejoice in this manifestation of the truth of the Scriptural promise "And I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee Fear not, for I will help thee". His ministry in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ has been sound and edifying, and to the comfort of the Church, and we bid him God speed on his journey."

55. We appoint the following Committee to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious Meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also, to propose

times and places for the various Committees to meet, who are now or may then be under appointment; viz:—
John F. Tucker, Samuel R. Buffinton, Levi Jones
Augustus F. Cox, George Douglas, Ezra Hawkes and Eli Jones.

Adjourned to 9 O'clock to-morrow morning.

Fifth-day morning the 14th. The Meeting again assembled.

56. Epistles to London, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings, and a joint Epistle to Brunswick Monthly Meeting were now read and approved; the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively; also those which were read at our last session.

57. The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, Etc, have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, viz.:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

We have attended to our appointment, and find the Treasurer's accounts as follows:—

Receipts

Balance reported last year	3,093.28
Books of Discipline sold	24.30
Dividends Eagle Bank Stock	80.00
" Five Cents Savings Bank New Bedford	19.30
E. Tatum, Trustee C. Sutton Fund, New York Yearly Meeting, for journey of Eli Jones	200.00
Loan from Merchants National Bank New Bedford	2,000.00
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	920.00
Salem " "	680.00
Sandwich " "	1,400.00
Falmouth " "	160.00
Smithfield " "	178.00
Vassalboro " "	156.00
Dover " "	160.00
Fairfield " "	280.00
	9,351.28

Note— Smithfield and Vassalboro Quarterly Meetings are short in their quotas $22 and $44 respectively.

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Payments.

Expenses at Newport, Sixth Month 1882	$382.58
Repairs on Meeting House Newport	408.50
Expenses on account of Eli Jones	1,922.24
Printing	312.75
Recording Minutes and Epistles	65.00
Expres, Portage, Etc.	20.50
Note paid to Merchants National Bank	2,000.00
Interest " " " " "	41.00
Associated Ex Committee on Indians	510.00
Bible School Committee	50.00
Committee on Foreign Missions	750.00
" " Freedmen	1,150.00
" " North Carolina Mission	300.00
" to aid Friends in British Provinces	50.00
" on Temperance	150.00
Balance now in Treasurer's hands	1,238.71
	$9,351.24

Income of Boston Meeting House Fund.

Balance on hand last year	$696.88
Received Interest on Bonds	450.00
" " " Savings Bank Deposit	30.26
	$1,177.14
Paid for rent of Wesleyan Hall, Boston	$380.00
Balance now in Treasurer's hands	797.14
	$1,177.14

We notice that some Committees report balances in their hands. In accordance with previous decisions of the Yearly Meeting, we recommend that all Committees be directed to settle with our Treasurer, and to pay to him all unexpended portions of their appropriations when they make their annual reports.

We recommend that four thousand dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and nominate George Howland, Jr. for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Hazard for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds.

By direction of the Committee

Owen Dawne

Portland, Sixth Month 13th 1883

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of four thousand dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and George Howland, Jr. is appointed Treasurer; and Thomas Harkness is appointed Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds: and the several Committees for whom appropriations are made are directed to conform to the recommendation made in the above report. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed; and this Meeting also directs that it be paid into the Treasury on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

58. The Committee on Finance report as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

We recommend that the following appropriations be made, viz:-

To Associated Executive Committee on Indian affairs	$595.00
Bible Schools	100.00
Foreign Missions	750.00
Freedmen	1,000.00
North Carolina Mission	300.00
Aid to Friends in British Provinces	25.00
Temperance	150.00
	$2,920.00

The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the above appropriations are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for such sums as they may need in the prosecutions of their various concerns, not exceeding the amount appropriated to each.

Standing Committee on Finance

Rhode Island - Samuel R. Buffinton. Smithfield - Richard Battey
Salem - Owen Dame. Vassalboro - Charles B. Cates
Sandwich - George Howland, Jr. Dover - Jacob K. Purinton
Falmouth - Augustus F. Cox. Fairfield - Levi Jones.

59. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed; and the Clerks are directed to cause an edition of two

thousand copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions, and Owen Dame and John Elwood Paige are appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

60. Amid the varying circumstances of life, through the condescending goodness and mercy of our Heavenly Father we were again permitted to assemble in a Yearly Meeting capacity, and with hearts continually uplifted to Him, we have been enabled to transact the business which has come before us in true harmony and brotherly love.

We acknowledge that as our eye has been upon him for guidance He has proved himself faithful, and has richly blessed us in our association one with another, and in our communion with Him.

As we now separate we feel to commend each other to the watchful care and continued protection of Israel's unslumbering Shepherd, proposing to meet again at Newport R. I., on the second Sixth day of the Sixth Month, next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall
Clerk

The Correspondents of New England Yearly Meeting are:- George Howland Jr, New Bedford, Mass.
Joseph Cartland, Newburyport "

Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England Sixth Month 1883.

To London.

Dear friends

We salute you as brethren beloved in the Lord, with the assurance that one is our Master even Christ, and we cordially reciprocate the thought expressed in your loving Epistle, that we may as living members of His body, be found doing the work of our day, abiding in Him and bringing forth the fruits of righteousness.

We have been cheered at this time by the presence of our well esteemed friend Isaac Sharp from your Meeting, we cordially welcome him to our shores. His company and gospel labors have been to our comfort and edification.

Our Committee on General Meetings and other gospel work, have made an interesting Report. Eighteen series of Meetings have been held during the past year. Many of the Meetings within our limits have been visited, and a large number of our members kindly met at their homes, the work encouraged, the careless warned, sinners converted and some have been added to our membership.

We have been encouraged by the Report of our Committee on Foreign Missions, in relation to the work upon Mount Lebanon, Syria, so well sustained by Friends on both sides of the Atlantic and for which liberal subscriptions have been made at this time by our members.

We have been comforted in this Meeting by the presence of our dear friends Eli and Charles M. Jones, just arrived from your shores. The account given us by our beloved aged friend of the work at Brumana, and of your loving help and attention upon all his journey has touched our hearts.

The work of Friends in civilizing and christianizing the Indians of the West; while

attended by anxieties and discouragements is deeply interesting and full of promise. While the government is slow in recognising their rights to their lands, and making them citizens as fast as they become prepared and self-supporting, the Indians themselves are giving the best proof of their fitness for citizenship by their patient endurance and the gradual abandonment of the chase, and of their roving life.

The Associated Executive Committee of the several Yearly Meetings have now seven boarding Schools and two day Schools under their care with an enrolment of 602 pupils. Six of the Superintendents are Friends, and of the teachers and helpers in the Schools 17 are members of our Society. In all the boarding Schools, those who are old enough take part in the farm work or household employments. Within the past few weeks two valued Friends who enjoy the confidence of the Indians, have been through several of the Agencies and selected 27 boys and girls, who were cheerfully given up by their parents, for the purpose of being educated at a Manual labor School far east in Indiana. The touching affection manifested by some of these people as they surrendered their children for this purpose was very striking.

Grand River Monthly Meeting has now a membership of 140 and is composed of four Preparative Meetings widely scattered. Of the whole number less than 20 are whites. Their diligence in the attendance of Meetings both for worship and discipline, the warm christian love and fervent charity manifested by many of these new converts, and their discreet conduct towards those who walk carelessly or go astray, is deeply instructive to more favored "Pale Faces", as they sometimes style themselves.

And now beloved brethren, commending you and ourselves, with our united interests to our loving Fathers care, we bid you farewell in the Lord.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting, Wm C. Newkall Clerk

To Ireland.

Dear friends.

Greetings received by us at this time from the various Yearly Meetings on our own broad continent, from you, from London, and from Brumana, have greatly stirred our hearts.

As we have listened to the narrative of the work, in these different fields, and have been enabled to catch some glimpse of the varied needs of different sections of our beloved society, our hearts have been drawn out in love to all our brethren, and in prayer to our gracious Father, that under his guidance and blessing our branch of the Church may be "given her vineyards from thence" and be "made to sing as in the days of her youth".

We feel dear Friends, with you that it is cause for thankfulness that there are communities of Friends in many lands, bearing witness for Jesus, and for the pure principles of his gospel; and yet it is to us cause of regret that we should have so far degenerated from the faithfulness of our fathers in the truth, that these communities are so small and so few. We rejoice that in many parts of our land the borders of our society are being enlarged, and it is our prayer that such may be the case in New England. Brethren pray for us.

Feelings of deep sympathy fill our hearts as we remember the trying seasons through which you have passed on account of the troubles afflicting your native Isle. It is cause for thankfulness that peace and tranquility are being once more restored to Ireland. May this tendency prevail until the whole land shall have rest from turmoil and strife.

Our prayers have ascended that these troubles may be overruled to the glory of God and the good of his people. We rejoice that in all these trials you have stood firm. Our prayers have ascended for you at this time that in every season of trowing you may remain faithful to the testimony of Jesus holding constantly before the minds of those with whom you associate that it is only by faith in Christs blood, and regeneration experienced by his power, that we can be saved.

Brethren let us press on; "The Lamb and his followers shall have the victory".

We have listened with much interest at this time to the reports of the Committees having in charge the various departments of our work. As we look over the different fields occupied, and see the progress which has been accomplished by humble instrumentalities blessed of God, we can but cry in gratitude "hitherto hath the Lord helped us".

The account given by the Committee on Foreign Missions as well as by our friend and father Eli Jones of the work in Syria, carried on in connexion with Friends in the British Isles, is very interesting and has caused us much rejoicing. Who can refrain from gladness that that land sacred in the thought of every Christian heart as the scene of the events of Bible history should once more "behold the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world".

We have at this time the company of our dear friend Isaac Sharp, of England, whose presence, and the account of whose work in South Africa, in Madagascar, and in the Islands of the sea, have caused us to be thankful that the dear Lord has given him strength for such service, and have also caused us searching of heart, as to whether we are each faithfully working in our own allotted spheres.

God has given each member of his church, some gift for which that member is responsible, and it has been our earnest desire that all these gifts, of means, of intellect, of heart, and of soul, may be consecrated to the service of the Master, that thus the Church may arise and put on her strength, as the Lord doth clothe her with power.

Brethren, "may the Lord of all grace, who hath called you unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting. Wm A. Newhall Clerk

To New York.

Dear friends.

We have read at this time, with deep interest, your fraternal greeting of Fifth Month 1883. We rejoice in the continuation of our Epistolary intercourse. The prayer of our loving Lord that His disciples might be one, finds in this way an evidence that we delight in the will of God. We extend to you our heartfelt sympathies, in the loses you have sustained, in the removal by death, from your midst, of workmen that needed not to be ashamed. We share with you the loss, and rejoice with you in the consolation that, although we shall never again listen to their consecrated voices in the ministry of the word, yet they being dead still speak; and our desires are that we may emulate their faithfulness, and when Jesus calls for us, also leave a savor of life behind, and pass on and join them in the service of eternal praise to Him, "Who hath loved us and washed us from our sins in His precious blood."

Our statistics show that, our ranks are being depleted by death, that beloved Friends, who have mingled with us in former years, and shared in the interest and toil of our labors, in the cause of Christ have gone to their reward.

To be a laborer in the vineyard of our Lord is a priceless privilege; and to become efficient workmen, gathering souls to Christ should be our aim. The history of the Church in the past, and our observation in the present, supported by the teachings of our risen Lord, emphasize the importance of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. While we prize intellectual culture, and believe it is of inestimable value, yet the crowning grace for service, we are sure, can only be found at the feet of Jesus.

Our annual gathering at this time, has been owned and blessed of the Lord. Beloved ambassadors of Christ, from your own and other Yearly Meetings, have been cordially welcomed by us, and have added greatly, under the Master's blessing, to the interest and usefulness of the occasion.

Many of the Churches in this beautiful City

and vicinity have extended invitations to Friends to occupy their pulpits on First-day, which have been accepted, and the Lord's messengers have carried the glad tidings of the Gospel of Christ to those who attended their services in a manner, which, we trust, will be attended with results to the glory of God.

Our various Committees under appointment have made very interesting reports, showing an amount of work accomplished that is truly Encouraging.

Brethren pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified throughout our borders.

With the prayer that the choicest blessings of Heaven may rest upon your entire Membership, and upon all your efforts to promote the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom in the Earth, we remain in the bonds of the Gospel your brethren. Farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Baltimore.

Dear friends.

The Epistolary greetings from your Yearly Meeting and others, have been received by us and listened to with the deepest interest.

Many are the expressions which they have called forth of feelings of brotherly love and affection which so closely unite us as members of the same Church and make us one in Christ.

There has been a large attendance at our Meetings at this time and evidence has been given that many souls have been strengthened in the faith.

Owing to the number of deaths among our members we are numerically weaker than one year ago, but we believe there has been a spiritual growth and strengthening among us which will yet lead to the building up

of many of our Meetings.

Our Committees on Home and Foreign Mission have made very interesting Reports of the work which has been carried on especially that on Mount Lebanon.

Our dear friend Eli Jones, having just returned after an absence of nearly a year in Foreign lands, and having spent much in laboring at the Burmana mission, has informed us of the continued prosperity of the work there, of the great good that is being accomplished in the Elevation and enlightenment of that people and of the turning of souls from darkness unto light: our prayer is that the good work may still be carried on and be abundantly prospered.

The mission field in western North Carolina also is manifestly one which should not be overlooked or neglected. Important as is the work of carrying the Gospel to the heathen of Foreign lands, yet we must not forget that there are those at home who equally stand in need of our aid and sympathy.

Notwithstanding the boasted civilization and the great Educational advantages of our country yet it is a sad fact that in some portions of the land, the minds of the people are still wrapped in the deepest ignorance.

The work among the Indians continues to receive earnest and careful attention.

We have been warmly interested in the account of our meetings being increased by membership from them, and over $400.00 have been raised by subscription in aid of an effort to assist them in building two Meeting-houses. We also appropriate our quota as called for by the Associated Executive Committee to assist in carrying on the work among them.

Our Committees on Temperance, Bible Schools, Education &c have also made interesting reports.

While there is a strong demand for more earnest labor in the various departments of our Church work, yet we believe that the Lord has blessed the exertions which have already been put forth by his servants, and that he will abundantly reward all those that

diligently serve Him.

With greetings of love and affection we remain your brethren.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm. C. Newhall

Clerk

To North Carolina.

Dear friends

Your acceptable Epistle of 8th Month last has been received and read to our comfort and instruction.

We continue to appreciate this Epistolary correspondence bringing us as it does into a more intimate acquaintance with the work of the Lord in other fields than our own, and into a closer sympathy with one another.

We are glad to learn of your continued efforts in the cause of Temperance and earnestly desire your encouragement in this important work. Situated as you are in a part of the land where intoxicating drinks are both manufactured and sold with little restraint, and where public sentiment is not fully aroused to the extent of the evil it entails upon society, a large field is spread out before you, inviting the earnest efforts of your strong young men. Though much has been done in this cause we still find this is not the time for us to slacken our efforts.

We rejoice with you in the blessings which attend your First-day Schools and the success of the Educational work in general among you.

The proposed change of place in holding your Yearly Meeting, we trust will be to your greater convenience and wider influence for good.

The reports of our various Committees on Home and Foreign Mission work, Temperance, Peace, Bible Schools Etc, are highly satisfactory.

The Lord seems to be blessing our efforts in the spread of the Gospel and in the work of Moral reform — All prais

be to His holy name.

Many of the Lords dear servants in the ministry are with us at this time, whose instructions have been refreshing and strengthening. As in the early days of this society, so now, the Lord is raising up from among the young, favored instruments, declaring His wonderous love to a lost and needy world, with holy zeal and power.

We earnestly desire the encouragement of all who are called of the Lord in any way to labor in His vineyard, and may all live so near to the fountain of life as to be kept clean, and be holy, harmless, undefiled and show forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Ohio.

Dear friends.

Grace, Mercy and Peace from God our Father and his son Jesus Christ with the abiding and controlling influence of the blessed Holy Spirit be yours

Your Epistle, with those from the other Yearly Meetings, with which we hold correspondence has been read and we gratefully acknowledge that the tie of common faith and christian fellowship has been strengthened as we have heard how the Lord was blessing his work and workers in other parts of our land.

Different localities may present different branches of Church work in which we should engage. But as we enter upon the particular varieties presented to us in our respective localities with an eye single to his glory and press forward under his guidance we may rest assured that the blessing of the Lord will rest upon us and that our "Labor will not be in vain in the Lord."

Many very important subjects have claimed our prayerful attention during the sessions of this Yearly Meeting, not the least of which is the report of the Evangelistic

work which has been wrought during the last year within our limits.

While the dear Master has greatly blessed this service, the results fall far short of what was anticipated. This fact brought a deep and searching exercise over our Meeting and the reasons were set forth in a very forcible and pertinent manner. The work will be continued under the care of a Committee.

We are glad in the company at this time of a large number of the Lord's servants, who have not shunned to declare unto us the whole counsel of God. Quite a portion of these are in the strength of their day, and being filled with the Spirit, give promise of great usefulness to the Church in the future.

A full salvation has been proclaimed and our members have been urged to enter into the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ.

The subject of Foreign Missions has also been before us and in connection with this, our hearts and our lips have praised our Divine Master for his faithfulness in caring for our venerable friend Eli Jones, while engaged in this work during the last year in Foreign lands. The account which he gives us of the work is very encouraging and stimulates us to continue our efforts.

While the state of our Meeting was being considered, our testimony against Oaths as well as that against all complicity in any form with Military matters was revived. Friends were earnestly exhorted to maintain these testimonies at any cost.

Bible Schools and the Temperance cause receive their share of attention. Very effective work has been performed by the Committee having in charge these highly important Matters, as the result of which a greater interest in Bible Schools is apparent; and our members are becoming more deeply convinced of the necessity of Total Abstinence, not only from

intoxicating drinks, but from tobacco, opium or any other indulgence, whereby the body, the temple of the Holy Ghost is defiled.

Our business has been performed in much love, christian courtesy and condescension. The spirit of our Holy Redeemer has been graciously vouchsafed unto us in a large measure, causing us to bow in reverent thankfulness before him and to ejaculate from the depth of our soul, "One is our Master even Christ and all we are brethren".

In a measure of that love which knows no bounds we remain your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Indiana.

Dear friends

In reading at this time Epistles from our dear brethren of other Yearly Meetings, we have been afresh reminded that although few of us have ever seen each other face to face, we are members of one family. That the same loving Father who watches over His redeemed and bloodwashed children in the "Great West" and dispenses blessings spiritual and temporal unto you, is guiding our steps along the paths of life and saying to each loyal child, "I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine".

Our hearts have been cheered by your recital of blessings which our Heavenly Father has showered upon you during the past year, and especially that within your borders, so many wanderers have been gathered to the christian fold.

Increasingly do we realise, that as Christ's Mission to earth was "to seek and save that which was lost;" the Church which in its individual membership is baptised with the spirit of Christ, must be a living and growing Church; seeking the lost, lifting the fallen, strengthening the weak, building up together on our most holy faith and realising in its fulness Truth taught by

the great apostle "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

While we lament a small decrease in our membership during the past year, the blessing which has rested upon those parts of the Yearly Meeting where evangelistic labor has been performed, the love and harmony which have prevailed during this our annual gathering, and the spirit of consecration to the dear Master's service, encourage us to believe that brighter days are dawning upon our beloved New England. "Brethren pray for us that the word of the Lord, may have free course and be glorified, even as it is with you".

Interesting Meetings on Temperance, Bible Schools and Mission work, have been held. Especially have our sympathies been enlisted in the spread of the Gospel in Bible lands, and we rejoice that not only the long neglected sons and daughters of Lebanon are being gathered as a Christian Church, but that in the land once blessed with the outward Ministries of the dear son of God, and where He suffered and died for man's redemption, Salvation through His atoneing blood is freely preached.

The report of our Committee on Foreign Missions, supplemented by a verbal report from our dear aged friend Eli Jones, who in the love of his blessed Master, has spent the past Winter in Palestine, has awakened a deep interest among our members, and a liberal voluntary contribution has been made to aid in carrying forward the work at Brumana and parts adjacent, the coming year. May we realize that those words spoken by our dear Savior before His ascension are a command unto the Church to-day "Go teach all nations", and that the gracious promise is also to us "Lo I am with you alway". May the living Church be engaged in faithful labor in the vineyard

of our Lord, and in earnest prayer, for His blessing upon every department of Christian work; that "Zion may yet lift up her voice with strength and say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God".

With the salutation of love we are your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall

Clerk

To Western.

Dear friends.

We are again permitted to assemble in the capacity of a Yearly Meting, and made to feel afresh the continued loving kindness and overshadowing Mercy of our Heavenly Father.

Among the annual greetings of brotherly love from our sister Yearly Meetings, was your warm loving Epistle of Ninth Month last.

We feel that the reading of these from year to year, strengthens the bond of love which unites us together in Christ.

Several of the Lord's messengers have been with us at this time, they have preached to us a full and free salvation which has been blessed to the strengthening of believers and we trust the conversion of sinners.

We rejoice that among these ambassadors are some in early life who are dedicating themselves to the Master's work.

We notice your expression of thankfulness for the bountiful harvest, and also rich blessing which our Heavenly Father has poured out upon the labor of your various Committees, and may this continue to be the experience of both you and us.

We have a bountiful Heavenly Father who gives to his trusting children with no sparing hand, supplying all their need. We trust that each year will find more of our members willing to forsake all for Christ's sake, and through faithfulness to him recieve the hundred fold in this life, and

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in the world to come life everlasting. Let us pray dear friends, that a deeper work of grace may be going on within the limits of our own branch of the Church, that we may see more eye to eye, and thus be able to wage an agressive warfare against the powers of darkness.

One encouraging feature of our Meeting at this time, is the deep interest taken by our membership at large in the work of the Church. Especially is this so with some of our younger members, and we hope as the fathers are called home these may come up to fill their places in the ranks.

The Report from our Committee on Gospel work shows that much has been done the past year.

There is an earnest desire among our membership to see the Master's cause prosper within our limits, which gives us reason to hope for much definite work in the year to come, in gathering souls to Christ.

Two of our members have visited our Mission field in Bible lands the past year, and bring us very encouraging reports from that far off field. The light is increasing on the goodly mountains of Lebanon. The bond of love between us and our friends in England has been strengthened as we have united in this work and we feel that this may be said in reference to some in your Yearly Meeting who are nobly assisting us in educating the girls of the Training Home there.

Our Committees on Bible Schools, Temperance, Peace Etc, all presented very interesting Reports, and much interest is manifested in the various branches of Christian work.

May the God of all grace be with you dear brethren in all your deliberations giving wisdom and strength to carry forward his work to his own glory, and grant to you and us at last an abundant entrance

into his everlasting Kingdom. Farewell

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Iowa.

Dear friends.

With brotherly love we greet you. Your Epistle of 9th mo 1882 has been read, with others from the several Yearly Meetings. They all bear to us warm messages of love and encouragement.

We miss from our ranks many of the Lords standard bearers, that have been summoned to come up higher, and we have been lead to put to ourselves the searching question, who are among us on whom their mantles may fall? but the assurance comes, that if we do our part faithfully, the Lord in his own good time will raise up others, so that the vacant places may be filled with strong and earnest advocates of His cause.

A goodly number of the Lords ambassadors from other Yearly Meetings are with us at this time, zealous workers for their Master, ever prompt at duty's call, to warn, to strengthen, and to encourage.

Our Committees on Home and Foreign Missions, Bible Schools, Education and Temperance, have presented interesting Reports. The work in each department has been steadily pursued, and good results have followed. Our dear friend Eli Jones, just returned from the Bible Lands, brings good accounts from the Mission on Mount Lebanon.

We rejoice in the prosperity of your College and recognise with you the important part our Educational Institutions are to take in the future of our beloved Society.

The one central thought, and exercise of all our deliberations has been the conversion of souls — the increase of Christs Kingdom. Brethren farewell. "May the God of peace be with you".

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm C. Newhall Clerk

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To Canada.

Dear friends.

With grateful hearts we ought to acknowledge the many blessings the Lord gives to His people, and not least among these, is the one that we receive by obeying His injunction, "Love one another" love worketh no ill, but overcometh difficulties that are in the way of working unitedly as the servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, in extending His kingdom among men. Brethren, we ought to love one another with the love wherewith he first loved us; herein we fulfil the law of our discipleship which is well pleasing in His sight. May it be among the chief concerns with you and with us, to be, in heart united to Christ who is the head of His people, and as this is our experience, we shall be in sweet harmony one with another.

Many who have been called to the work of the ministry are now with us, laboring diligently for the conversion of sinners, and for strengthening the believer in his love for the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is only as the branch abides in the vine, drawing daily nourishment from it, that acceptable fruit can be borne.

We are reminded by your loving Epistle of the importance of giving ourselves unreservedly to the Lord, if we would know the blessing of "sanctification" which is the will of our God. It is well to be mindful of the believers privilege to draw nigh to our Heavenly Father in prayer.

His son our Savior has promised that we shall receive if we ask believing. To be useful laborers in the Lords vineyard, day by day and hour by hour we need to ask Him, who giveth liberally to all, for strength to do His will in all things. Are we weak? ask Him to make us strong. Are we wanting in love for the brethren? ask Him in full sincerity for help to comply with His new commandment "love one another".

The various Reports that came before the Meeting were instructive and interesting, showing that the work under the care of the different Committees, laboring for the help of others, has been blessed.

The School at Providence, with little exception in the Autumn, has been favored with good health. The students have made excellent progress in their studies, and the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ is sinking deeper into, and taking a firmer hold of their hearts.

It is evident by the Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, that the work done on Mount Lebanon has been blessed; comparing the present with the condition of the people when the work was commenced, a great change for the better is apparent in Material, social and spiritual things.

The Reports of the North Carolina Mission work, and of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, show that these fields have been occupied much to the advantage of those designed to be benefitted.

The labors of the Temperance Committee have been useful in helping to create a public sentiment favorable to the Extinction of the liquor traffic as it now exists.

The Report on Bible Schools shows that a good work has been done, by deepening, in the minds of the aged, the youth, and the dear little children, a sense of the importance of giving their hearts more fully to Christ, and so avoid many of the evils of this life, and in the end be admitted into the rest of the Redeemed.

The Committee on Gospel service, Report that they have labored in the field assigned them, and their labors have been useful, by encouraging and strengthening the weak and directing the unconverted to Christ, in whom is life, and the life is the light of men.

May the Lord bless you and comfort you with His love, wherein if we stand fast, we shall know our fellowship to be with Him and one with another.

Farewell in the Lord.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting. Wm C. Newhall Clerk

1883

To Kansas.

Dear friends,

We greet you dear friends with a feeling of deep thankfulness to God, and a sense of our frailty and imperfection in His sight. We desire to be, with you, laborers to-gether with God, and to realize that through His love and mercy we are His husbandry, His building.

We are thankful that the Lord of the harvest has given us a field and an organization in which to labor, thankful also for the freedom which we enjoy from the bondage of priest and ritual, and, above all, thankful for the manifestation of God's grace amongst us. It seems to be a time when the Lord is giving His servants help and power to tell the story of the cross in pure and simple language, and we trust that many are finding pardon and peace by faith in the Son of God, who in infinite love for us became a propitiation for our sins. Having accepted Him as the foundation of our hope and consecrated our lives in loving obedience to His service, we may feel confidence that our lives will not be without fruit or our united efforts without blessing.

Our prayer is, that whether in the busy work-shops of New England or on the fertile plains of Kansas, we may be holding high the standard of truth and righteousness.

From a heart purified by faith comes the ability to stand firm on the right side in the great moral reforms in which, as lovers of our country we have a common interest.

From the State of Maine in which we are assembled we send you sympathy and cheer in the advanced position you have taken in the Temperance cause. It seems clear to us that the use and sale of intoxicating liquors are works of darkness which the Children of the light must do all in their power to repress.

Before the present generation passes away may our whole country be awakened to see

what great blessings are in store for us as a nation through abstinence from the use, and prohibition of the sale of alcoholic drinks.

The Mission work in which we have been engaged, both at home and abroad, has evidently been made a blessing to this Yearly Meeting, and while our hearts have been drawn out in love for others, our own souls have been blessed.

The Mission on Mt. Lebanon, in which we have taken part with English Friends, has claimed our interest, our earnest prayers for its success, and our deep thanksgiving for its Heavenly blessing. We welcome our beloved brethren Eli and Charles M. Jones, who have just returned from a visit of Gospel love to the Bible lands.

While the membership of this Yearly Meeting has slightly decreased during the past ten years, the conviction remains, and in this we are comforted, that the proportion of those who are really converted members of the Church of Christ has increased. We long to see more of our young men, engaged in active work for their Lord. The presence of some of these who have at this time mingled with us in our exercises and deliberations has cheered us.

With greetings of brotherly love, we bid you farewell in the Lord.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm C. Newhall
Clerk

To Brumana Monthly Meeting of Friends Mount-Lebanon, Syria.

Dear friends.

Your Epistle has been received by us, and read with much interest, and we have also gladly welcomed home our friends Eli and Charles M. Jones, and heard from them more fully of what the Lord is doing on Mount-Lebanon.

But few of us have ever seen that

goodly mountain, but we have been told how its heights catch the first rays of the rising sun and are bright, while all below are still in the light. So may you, upon the hill-side, catch the rays of the sun of Righteousness, and thus illuminated, "let your light so shine, that others, seeing your good works, may glorify our Father who is in Heaven."

Our Meeting together at this time has been joyful and helpful to many souls. The Lord has sent to us our friend Isaac Sharp from England and others of his servants from outside our own Yearly Meeting, and they have brought us many messages from Him.

We have been told to seek for a baptism of love, so that we may work together for His service, and to give ourselves entirely to Him, and then trust in Him for daily strength for daily need, whether it may be in preaching the Gospel, or in teaching the ignorant, or in the labor of our hands, in the house or in the field, or in the workshop.

Jesus says "without me ye can do nothing", we need His power to do any part of such work, but as we do it all for Him, looking to Him for guidance and ability, we shall find that His word is true, "as thy day so shall thy strength be".

Let us then as His servants, bought with a costly price, use the gifts entrusted to us, as in His sight, for His glory, and so aid in the spread and establishment of His Kingdom upon Earth.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall } Clerks

Minutes 1884

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport, R. I. commencing on Sixth day Sixth Month 13th 1884.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:-

From Rhode Island - Thomas Harkness, Samuel R. Buffinton, James R. Collins, Joseph E. Macomber, Benjamin F. Knowles, Asa Sisson, Anthony M. Kimber, Stephen Chace, Henry C. Aydelott, Charles D. Kenyon, William H. Perry and Charles A. Chace.

From Salem - Daniel C. Maxfield, William O. Newhall, Thomas Wood, John H. Crosman, Charles H. Jones, James P. Boyce, Alfred Manning, John F. Chase, Herod Chase, Owen Dame, Olney T. Meader and William F. Vining

From Sandwich - Edward G. Dillingham, William C. Jabe, David Kelley, Mellish Gifford, Moses Smith, Matthew Howland, Robert B. Jaber, Stephen R. Wing, George Howland, Jr. Joseph Grinnell, John B. Bayles, John F. Tucker, William Thompson, N. Hervey Wilbur and Gideon Gifford.

From Falmouth - Reuben T. Jones, Augustus F. Cox, George Douglas, Timothy Hanson, Charles W. Goddard, John J. Frye, Nathan Douglas, Henry F. Newell and Charles A. Nichols.

From Smithfield - Richard Bailey, Jesse B. Wheeler, Thomas Grover, John Metcalfe and Smith B. Steere.

From Yarmouth - Alfred H. Jones, Eli Jones, William H. Coles, William A. Jones, Joseph H. Platt, John Frye, Clarkson Jones and George W. Varney.

From Dover - Tobias Meader, Timothy B. Hussey, William P. Tuttle, Oliver Meader, Samuel Buffum, William P. Jenkins, Eli Page, Russell Hoag and Daniel F. Jenness.

From Fairfield - Charles H. Jones, George Richardson, Paul Wing, Joseph E. Briggs and Isaac Winslow - whose names being called, they were all present except eleven, for the absence of six of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

3. We have at this time the acceptable company of our friends James M. Haviland, David J. Douglas and

Sarah M. Longdon from New York Yearly Meeting, Debora
C. Thomas and Mary W. Thomas from Baltimor Yearly Meetin
Francis Leupton Noah C. McLean and Mary S. Elliott fro
Ohio Yearly Meeting, John P. Pennington, John Henry Doug
las and Micajah M. Binford from Indiana Yearly Meetin
Daniel B. Johnson from Iowa Yearly Meeting, Luke Woodard
from Canada Yearly Meeting and Zacchens H. Powell an
Mary H. Rogers from Kansas Yearly Meeting, who have pre
sented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Mee
ings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with
their present religious engagements amongst us.

4. We have also the acceptable company of Mary E. Haviland, com
panion to her husband James M. Haviland, Marth J. Sands, com
panion to Mary S. Elliott, Miriam C. Douglas, an Elder and
companion to her husband John Henry Douglas, Phebe E. Johnson
companion to her father Daniel B. Johnson, Elvira J. Woodard,
companion to her husband Luke Woodard, Mary F. Powell, com
panion to her husband Zacchens H. Powell, and Aquila H.
Pickering and his wife Hannah N. J. Pickering, Members of
Chicago Monthly Meeting — all of whom have presented cre-
dentials of unity from their friends at home.

5. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance
of this Yearly Meeting from other Yearly Meetings with
returning Minutes, if way should open for it, is re-
ferred to the following named Friends, Viz:- William A
Jones, Reuben T. Jones, Charles M. Jones, John Metcalfe
Charles A. Chace and Meltiah Gifford.

6. Truly acceptable Epistles have been received at this sitt
from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.
Those from London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North
Carolina and Ohio have been read. The reading of
those from Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas
is deferred to our next session. We appoint the follow
ing named Friends to nominate a Committee on Cor-
respondence, and report at our next sitting, Viz
William H. Perry, William C. Newhall, George How
land, Jr. George Douglas, Jesse B. Wheeler, Alfred H.
Jones, Oliver Meader and Charles M. Jones.

7. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, Viz:—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Adelia C. Mann, and with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William Sherman and Mary Dame to the station of Elder; and that it has added two Friends as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that a portion of Salem Monthly Meeting has been set off and given the name of "Boston Monthly Meeting of Friends" it is held at Wesleyan Hall, Bromfield St. Boston, on Fourth-day before the second Fifth-day in each month, at 3.30 P.M. The Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight is held on the day of the Monthly Meeting next preceding each Quarterly Meeting, at 10.30 A.M. Correspondent of Boston Monthly Meeting, Olney T. Meader. Address Boston, Mass. The time of holding Salem Monthly Meeting has been changed from 10 A.M. to 2.30 P.M in the First, Second and Twelfth Months, and to 3. P.M. the remaining Months of the year. The name of Seabrook Monthly Meeting has been changed to Amesbury Monthly Meeting. It has united with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sara F. Hoag to the station of Elder. Hannah F. Sawyer, an Elder and member of Seabrook (now Amesbury) Monthly Meeting, died 5th mo 26th, 1883 aged 83 years, 8 months and 22 days. Mary B. Paige, an Elder and member of Weare Monthly Meeting, died 4th mo 6th, 1884 aged 73 years, 3 mos and 8 days. Martha N. Hunt, a Minister received by certificate from Sand Creek Monthly Meeting, Indiana, into Salem Monthly Meeting, has been released from membership in our Society upon her own request. Five Friends have been added as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Ewer, Rebecca D. Ewer and Huldah Gifford to the station of Elder, and that it has added one Friend as a member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Deborah H. Wing, an Elder and Member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, died 3rd mo 27th 1883. aged 82 years 10 months and 18 days.
Newell Hoxie, a Minister and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, died 1st Month 19th 1884, aged 80 years 2 months and 1 day.
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that Mary J. Tuttle, a Minister and Member of Durham Monthly Meeting, has been released from membership in our Society upon her own request.
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Dorcas Daniels, Samuel A. Arnold and Henry D. Swift to the station of Elder. Abel C. Monroe, a Minister and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, died 8th mo 10th 1883, aged 64 years, 3 months and 1 day. John B. Daniels a Minister and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, died 3rd mo 13th 1884, aged 32 years 9 months and 11 days. Roanna W. Grover, an Elder and Member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, died 6th mo 26th 1883, aged 70 years 5 mos and 2 days. A meeting for Worship has been established at Worcester, to be held on First-day evening at 7.30 P.M. from 5th to 10th Months, inclusive, and at 7 O'clock the remainder of the year.
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with China Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Frank E. Jones; Mary Ann Jones a Minister and member of China Monthly Meeting, died 6th mo 29th 1883, aged 55 years 1 mo and 16 days; and that six Friends have been added as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.
Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Enoch Hoag and Hepzyba H. Hoag; and that four Friends have been added as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.
Plainfield Quarterly Meeting reports that Levi Jones has been appointed correspondent of Winthrop Monthly Meeting in the place of Reuben S. Jones, removed beyond its limits. Address Winthrop Maine.

6. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid or directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer

of this Meeting their proportion of stock called for this year.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.—The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

9. Samuel R. Buffinton on behalf of the Representatives informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William A. Newhall for Clerk, and Timothy B. Hussey and Daniel C. Hatfield for Assistant Clerks, which nominations being severally approved, they are accordingly appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

10. The reading of the remaining Epistles was now resumed and concluded.

11. The Committee appointed at our Morning Session to nominate a Committee on Correspondence have reported the following, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, Viz:—
Charles H. Jones, George Howland, Jr., Thomas Wood, Olney T. Meader, John Metcalf, Timothy B. Hussey, Frank E. Jones, William P. Jenkins, Charles M. Jones, Gideon Wood, Charles W. Goddard, Benjamin T. Knowles, Matthew Howland, Eli Jones, Obadiah Chace and Alfred H. Jones.

12. We appoint Isaac Winslow, Oliver Meader, William H. Coles, Reuben T. Jones, Joseph Ewen, John H. Crosman and Thomas Harkness, a Committee to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and present it at our next sitting.

13. We appoint Henry E. Davis, Owen Dame, John B. Bayliss, Henry T. Newell, Paul A. Randall, William A. Jones, Jacob K. Purinton and Paul Wing, a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of Money to be raised, sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer, also one for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds.

14. Rhode Island, Salem and Dover Quarterly Meetings request that the Yearly Meeting more fully interpret and revise that portion of our Discipline in relation to holding Joint Sessions and United Meetings, whereupon

We appoint Augustine Jones, Henry C. Aydelott, William C. Newhall, Daniel C. Maxfield, William Thompson, Joseph Ewer, Reuben T. Jones, John T. Fellows, Richard Batley, John Metcalfe, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Tobias Meader, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles M. Jones and Isaac Winslow a Committee, to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends, to take the subject into consideration and report to a future sitting. The following request from Salem Quarterly Meeting is referred to the same Committee, Viz:- "We are united in requesting the Yearly Meeting to give a distinct interpretation to the last clause of the Tenth Query".

15. The following request is received from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, and a similar one from Fairfield, Viz:- "This and the Women's Meeting are united in requesting that the Yearly Meeting be held in Portland Maine, next Year", which is refered to the united representatives now in attendance of this Yearly Meeting, and they are desired to report at a future sitting.

16. The following proposition from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting is received, Viz:- "We are united in requesting the Yearly Meeting to grant liberty to all its Quarterly Meetings to hold their sessions at such places within their limits as they may deem best, without first applying to the Yearly Meeting for its consent", which claiming our attention is referred to the following named Friends, who are desired to consider the subject and report to a future sitting, Women Friends uniting, Viz:- Samuel R. Buffinton, Robert P. Gifford, Owen Dame, Charles H. Jones, Mellish Gifford, George Howland, J. John J. Frye, Charles A. Nichols, Jesse B. Wheeler, Richard Batley, William H. Cates, Hezekiah Pope, Jacob K. Parrinton, Daniel Meader, Joseph E. Briggs and Isaac Winslow.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow Morning at 10 Oclock

Seventh-day Morning - The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

17. The following proposition from Fairfield Quarterly

Meeting is received, Viz:- "We are united in requesting that our Quarterly Meeting in future be held at Winthrop in the Second Month, instead of Manchester as at present"; which we are united in granting, and the change is accordingly made and the Clerks are requested to give that Quarterly Meeting this information.

18. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence have presented their Annual Report, Viz:-

"To the Yearly Meeting.

In again presenting their Annual Report, the sixty-fifth, the Committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence is pleased that it can re-affirm the statement of several preceding years, that the School is steadily moving on, in its appropriate sphere of educating and elevating to a higher standard of intellectual culture than perhaps ever before, those young persons whose privilege it is to be the recipients of the advantages to be derived from their connection therewith.

The School continues under the immediate care of Augustine Jones, A. M. as Principal, with an able Corps of Assistants on either side of the house, between whom there appears to be perfect harmony of action, and a united effort in the direction of the best interests of the School.

The religious Meetings which continue to be held in the house, have during the year been attended by the pupils with more than usual interest, a fact which is cause for gratitude and thanksgiving to our Father in Heaven.

The average number of pupils for the year has been Ninety four Boys and Eighty two girls.

The health of the family has been excellent, almost without exception, through the year - probably no greater exemption from sickness has been experienced for many years.

The gift from our friend James H. Chace, reported last year, has been appropriated, with his knowledge and approval, in procuring a beautiful White Marble bust of John Bright, a distinguished Statesman and member of our Society on the other side of the Atlantic, and a fast and valued friend of our common

county, one who, by the noble position he took in the Parliament of his own county, during our comparatively recent fratricidal struggle, has endeared himself to our people by bonds that will long be cherished by us as a nation.

A corner of Alumni Hall, at the west end of the platform, has been appropriately fitted up for its reception, and the bust placed on a beautiful and highly polished pedestal of Rhode Island granite forming a very attractive and ornamental addition to the Hall.

The unveiling of the bust, on the 28th of Third month last was made the occasion of a public Meeting in the Hall at which several prominent citizens of Rhode Island including the Governor, and Lieutenant Governor of the State, an ex-Judge of the Supreme Court, the President and one of the Professors of Brown University; many friends of the School, and the members of the household were present, and was a season of intellectual enjoyment and gratification to all who participated in the exercises incident to it.

Our friend who so kindly furnished the means for the purchase of this beautiful work of art; has made a still further demand upon our gratitude, by assuming the expense incurred in its erection upon the well chosen site, where we hope it may long remain, not only as a memento of his liberality, but also an incitement to those who look upon it to emulate the virtues of him whose features it so truthfully represents.

A contribution last autumn of six hundred and fifty dollars, from a source unknown to the Committee, for the purpose of introducing electric light into the girls school-room, and to some extent to other parts of the house, has greatly improved that room in regard to temperature and the purity of the air, as by this method of lighting the oxygen of the atmosphere is not consumed, nor is the heat at all increased thereby while the light is perfectly steady and entirely satisfactory. (It is estimated that the quantity of oxygen consumed by gas-burners in the room is equal to

the amount required for the supply for breathing of one hundred persons.)

The improvements in both these directions is highly appreciated by those who pass much of their time in the room. May the benevolent donor of this money feel in his own breast the consciousness of having performed a praise-worthy act, and may he further receive, in return, the rich reward of finding, after many days, the bread which he has so generously cast upon the waters.

At the opening of the School in Ninth Month last a department was inaugurated for instruction in the practical use of tools in the working of wood (including ornamental carving) and of metals, which we think has been highly appreciated, not only by the students, but by the parents also, and promises to be a permanent and useful addition to the appliances of the School. This department has received a gratuity of one hundred dollars, from a member of the Committee, for supplying tools and other needful apparatus for its use.

We also learn that by the liberality of another valued member of the Committee, a full-length portrait of John G. Whittier is in course of preparation, and will soon occupy a conspicuous place in Alumni Hall.

The improvement in the laundry, the means for defraying the expense of which was largely furnished by a friend of the Institution, as reported last year, has been completed and enables those who labor there to perform with comparative ease a great amount of work, which if done at all previously, could only have been imperfectly done with a large expenditure of human strength and consequent exhaustion.

The boilers and other apparatus for heating the house, having, after many years of service, become somewhat dilapidated, indicating unmistakably in many ways that a renewal of the entire system will, ere long, be required; a movement in the direction of such renewal has been begun, and the subject brought to the notice of friends of the School, one of whom has already contributed the very liberal sum of $5,000. towards that object, and it is confidently expected

that others will soon follow in the same direction. It is estimated that the sum of $15.000 will be required for the proposed renewal.

These contributions, which not only supply our need but also enable us to improve and make more attractive the halls and school-rooms of the Institution are very gratefully accepted and highly appreciated by us, and we hope will be equally valued by the Yearly Meeting.

During the present season, communications have been received from several citizens of Providence, asking us to erect some houses on portions of our unoccupied lands, for lease to the parties applying for them. After giving the matter due consideration, we decided to make the experiment and have commenced the erection of three houses, for which desirable tenants at satisfactory rates have been secured; the houses will be ready for occupancy in the early Autumn.

This arrangement will give us an income from some of the land before unproductive, as well as an equally good if not better income from the funds so invested.

Since our last report we have effected the sale of one small lot on Lloyd Avenue.

In the decease of one of our most valued members, our late dear friend, Henry J. Wood, whose death occurred on the 23rd of the 11th month last, after a short confinement, (his health having been failing for a much longer period), we feel that we have indeed sustained a great loss. He had been a member of the Committee for something over 6 years and, when his health permitted, was prompt in attendance at our meetings, active in the discharge of all the duties incumbent upon him, and thoroughly interested in everything which tended to promote the usefulness and efficiency of the school. As one of the auditors of the school accounts for a series of years, his services were highly appreciated; he is gone, and the place on this Board which has known him so long and so equally,

will know him no more forever, yet his memory and the recollections of the very acceptable services rendered by him while with us will be long and gratefully cherished by his associates of the Committee.

Officers of Government and Instruction.

Augustine Jones A.M.	Principal and Political Science.
Walter S. Meader A.M.	Governor and English Studies.
Susan S. Moore.	Governess and " "
Bessie T. Wing.	French, History and Literature.
Thomas J. Battey A.B.	Natural Science.
J. Myron Potter A.M.	Higher Mathematics.
Mary E. Rawson,	Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Sophia L. Pitman,	Drawing and Painting.
Benjamin W. Wells Ph.D.	Modern Languages.
Albert A. Stanley	Instrumental Music
Wilmot R. Jones. A.B.	Mental and Moral Science and English
Jean E. Guilbert-	French
Charles G. Farwell A.M.	Greek and Latin
Caroline C. Sadd	English Studies
Mary E. Wing	" "
Mary P. Helme,	Assistant in Drawing and Painting
Allen W. Weeks.	Mechanic Arts
Lucy R. Weaver M.D.	Physiology
Lizzie C. Perry	Secretary and Book Keeper (Autumn Term)
George A. Barton	" " " "
Ellen A. Winslow.	Librarian

Financial statement of the accounts of the School for the year ending Seventh Month, 1883.

Receipts

From board and tuition	$41.173.21
" Art Studies, Languages &c	2,318.98
" the Treasurer of the School Fund	5,860.83
Supplies on hand in excess of amount last year	127.99
Loss on the years work	1.093.18
	50,574.19

Rayments

For Provisions	$15,151.43
" Salaries	14.352.79
Amt carried over	$29,504.22

Amount brought over	$29.504.22
Wages	9.111.57
Repairs, Renewals and Improvements	4.271.79
Fuel	1.685.15
Light	1.019.90
Water	526.48
Library and Periodicals	370.16
Incidentals	1,103.72
City of Providence, Tax for 1882	2.981.20
	$50,574.19

The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School for the year commencing in the 9th Month next, be

For members of our Yearly Meeting	$ 150.00
" " " other " " , or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting	225.00
For all others who may be admitted	300.00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge to be made, for one years instruction in Greek, Latin, French or German, ten Dollars. For one years instruction in Pencil Drawing, fifteen dollars. For one years instruction in Mechanical and Crayon Drawing, and Painting, thirty dollars.

With devout thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His watchfulness over us the past year, again we commend the Institution to His superintending care and to the kind consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee

George Howland, Jr.
Clerk

Boarding School, Providence.
Sixth Month 3d 1884.

Note— The Autumn Term begins 9th mo 3d 1884, and closes 2nd mo 4th 1885. The Spring Term begins 2nd mo 5th 1885, and closes 6th mo 23d 1885.
Applications for admission to the School should be

made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 5th of 8th Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date; after which, applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, Augustine Jones, Friends School, Providence, R. I.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and is adopted; in listening to it, the Meeting has gratefully felt the liberality with which the friends of education have contributed to the Institution. Remembering the advice of our worthy Elder, George Fox, "to teach all things civil and useful in creation," we rejoice that by these contributions a more liberal culture has been rendered possible. On the other hand it is also cause of rejoicing that the important and necessary instruction has not been neglected.

We refer the continued care of the Institution to the Committee now under appointment, with the exception of our late dear friend Henry F. Wood, deceased, and we bespeak for them the continued prayerful interest and sympathy of this Yearly Meeting. The Committee are directed to meet at the Boarding School, at Providence, on Third-day, the 24th inst., at 9.30 A. M.

Names of Boarding School Committee.

Charles F. Coffin	Ellen K. Buffum
George Howland, Jr.,	Sylvia G. Howland
Levi Jones	Ann B. Earle
William C. Tabor	Hannah J. Bailey
Timothy B. Hussey	Rachel S. Howland
Samuel R. Buffinton	Hannah B. Sawyer
Richard Battey	Rebecca Sleeper
William C. Monroe	Mary E. Jenkins
James H. Chace	Anna G. Wood
James O. Inman	Deborah W. Crossman
John F. Tucker	Elizabeth K. Austin
Peter M. Neal	Sarah F. Tobey
Benjamin F. Knowles	Esther Jones

William J. Collins	Caroline C. Earle
Charles B. Cates	Rebecca H. Smiley
Augustus F. Cox	Lydia C. Neal
Robert P. Gifford	Ruth S. Murray

19. The Committee on Education have presented their Report as follows, Viz:-

"To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England. The Committee on Education report that they have attended to the subject.

That an Educational Conference was held under their care at Winthrop, Maine, in the 2nd month last, which is believed to have been an instructive occasion.

Education at large, and particularly the duty of the Society of Friends in relation to it, was discussed in an earnest, far-reaching and sympathetic spirit.

The re-endowment and re-building of Oak Grove Seminary at Vassalboro, Maine, were thoughtfully considered. The history of the great and good work of the School was fully and feelingly presented.

The conviction possessed all minds that every reasonable effort should be used to restore and continue the beneficent Institution; but it was felt that it ought to be on a larger and broader basis than before, and that the funds should be sufficient to give it character and respect at once.

That if such funds were raised, the Yearly Meeting might be requested to take and hold the same, and manage and direct said scheme in the same manner as it assumes the care of its other Institutions. It was thought that this would give confidence in the School at once and to the donors as well.

The Committee firmly believe that concentration of schools and of educational resources is the true rule. That fewer schools and better quality is the true method. But if there is any fund which can be used in a local school, and will not seek the large central schools, then let it be welcomed with gratitude. The cause is one. "He that is not against us is for us." There is no conflict

between Institutions. It is hoped that local zeal and local capital will do this good work.

It is cause for thanksgiving, that the subject of education claims year by year the more thoughtful care of our Society everywhere. We seem to understand and appreciate more fully its important relations to Christianity and the world.

On behalf of the Committee.

Eli Jones
Augustine Jones
Myra E. Frye
R. H. Nichols
Charles H. Jones

The Report is accepted by the Meeting and the same Committee continued for service another year. The Committee are Augustine Jones, Caroline Jones, of Deering Maine, Anna F. Hall, Charles H. Jones, Eli Jones, Myra E. Frye, John Ellwood Paige, Phebe Wing and Ruthanna H. Nichols.

The following papers accompanied the report, viz:-

To the Trustees of Oak Grove Seminary:

At a special meeting of Oak Grove Association held 5th Mo 10th 1884, it was decided that our Trustees be authorized to offer for the acceptance of New England Yearly Meeting the care and direction of Oak Grove Seminary. If the Yearly Meeting accepts the same, the Trustees are further authorized to transfer to it all the property now belonging to the Association.

From the Records of the Association
Thomas B. Nichols Clerk

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends

At a Meeting of the Trustees of Oak Grove Seminary held 5th Mo 10th, 1884, it was decided to offer for the acceptance of New England Yearly Meeting the care and direction of Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro, Me.

If accepted, the Trustees having been duly authorized, will transfer to the Yearly Meeting, all the property belonging to the Association. Eli Jones and Augustine Jones were appointed to present the subject to the Yearly Meeting to be held in the 6th Month 1884.

R. H. Nichols, Secretary
Charles M. Bailey, President.

We conclude to refer the suggestion in the Report in reference to Oak Grove Seminary, also the accompanying offers of the Oak Association, and of its Trustees to the following named Friends and they are requested to report their judgment thereon at a future sitting, Viz:- James H. Chace, Samuel K. Buffinton, Ellen K. Buffum, Rebecca Anthony, Ezra Hawkes, Owen Dame, Deborah W. Crosman, Elizabeth H. Newhall, David K. Akin, William Thompson, Chairman, G. Chace, Susan T. Thompson, Reuben T. Jones, John J. Frye, Myra E. Frye, Esther Jones, Alfred Briggs, Richard Battey, Thomas K. Colton, Saloma C. Wheeler, Eli Jones, William H. Cates, Mary R. Jones, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Samuel Buffum, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, Mary H. Morrill, Charles M. Jones, Joseph E. Briggs, Hannah J. Bailey and Sarah M. Richardson.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions this afternoon at 4 O'clock.
Afternoon – The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

20. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of Society, as presented in the Answers to the Queries. The Answers are as follows, Viz:-
Answer 1st. All our Meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held, except a few that have been omitted in consequence of inclement weather, bad roads, and for other reasons not assigned. The First-day Meetings have been attended by a larger part of our Members, while those in the middle of the week have been much neglected. The hour is nearly observed; clear of unbecoming behavior with little exception.
Answer 2nd. With a few exceptions, love and unity are maintained amongst us. Detraction not wholly guarded against. Endeavors have been used to end differences when they have appeared.
Answer 3rd. Most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation. More care is needed both by example and precept, to train our children in accordance with our Christian profession.

Answer 4th. We believe most Friends frequently read the Scriptures individually, and collectively in their families, and encourage their children and others, in the daily practice of this religious duty. Our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry appears to be maintained with little exception.

Answer 5th. Twenty-four cases of indulgence in intoxicants are reported. Not quite clear as to amusements and diversions - Moderation generally observed.

Answer 6th. Clear as regards the several parts of this Query.

Answer 7th. Not entirely clear as to Military Matters, oaths, or in regard to defrauding the public revenue.

Answer 8th. Clear as to the several parts of this Query, with but few exceptions.

Answer 9th. Not quite clear as to records. A few removals without certificates.

Answer 10th. Care has been taken to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness. Some neglect in timely dealing. When judgment has been placed, we believe it has been in accordance with discipline.

Minute on the State of Society.

This investigation called forth much tender criticism, profitable suggestion and wholesome admonition. And it has been a source of encouragement to us, to witness the fervor and warm interest of our young Friends in all their expressions upon the several topics brought under discussion. While the increased number reported as using intoxicants may indicate closer inspection, and the recognition of cider as belonging to the list of Alcoholics, yet we can not accept these as extenuating circumstances, and must press upon Friends the necessity of a testimony that is backed up by the fact that our hands are absolutely clean.

As we view the great dearth of the Ministry in some of our smaller Meetings, we feel that the term "Free Gospel Ministry" would be relieved of its ambiguity by an interpretation based on the need of a liberality that will set free the Gospel wherever it is bound for want of means.

Our veneration for the principle of peace, shall warran
us in urging upon Friends the need of correctin
the lax views among our members, the Clergy, an
others outside of our own membership, in connec
tion with the spirit of war, and the common displa
that cherish it in the minds of the young. And
in like manner our Scriptural grounds for re
fusing an oath, and claiming our right to affir-
mation, need to be revived in our memories
that no compromise of principle may be made
by the young for want of proper instruction.
Above all, do we feel to exhort the brethren, in the
name of Christ, to put on Christ: that we may have
such a baptism of the Holy Spirit, that we cannot
rest satisfied with the mere adjustment of inci-
dentals and details in the outward affairs of the Churc
but that we may have power, and that the secret o
it shall be the actual possession of a life hid
with Christ in God.

Adjourned to meet on Second-day Morning
the 16th at 10 O'clock.
Second-day Morning the 16th. The Meeting assem
bled pursuant to adjournment.
21. The Statistical Account, received from our Quarte
Meetings, was now read and is as follows, viz:-

	Number reported last year	Error in last report Gain	Error in last report Loss	Births	Deaths	Moved in	Moved out	Admitted	Released	Gain	Loss	Present number
Rhode Island	702	5	0	8	8	10	5	11	2	19	0	721
Salem	668	0	1	1	16	18	5	14	7	4	0	672
Sandwich	722	0	0	1	23	3	19	5	2	0	35	687
Falmouth	606	0	0	8	12	17	16	24	1	20	0	626
Smithfield	406	0	1	1	10	0	0	0	7	0	15	391
Vassalboro	480	0	0	2	10	4	7	0	2	0	13	467
Dover	306	0	0	1	6	1	7	1	0	0	10	296
Fairfield	469	0	3	2	5	2	4	6	1	0	3	464
Total	4359	5	5	24	90	55	63	61	22	43	76	4326
Total loss											33	

22. The Committee to disburse the income arising from the Mosher Fund presented their Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and a Committee was appointed to produce at a future sitting a Committee to whom this subject may be entrusted another year as follows, Viz:- Obadiah Chace, Augustus F. Cox, Joseph E. Briggs, George Howland, Jr. and William H. Coles, Women Friends uniting in the appointment. The Report is as follows, Viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to disburse the income of the Mosher fund would report the purchase of three hundred copies of the "Offices of the Holy Spirit" by Dougan Clarke. These have just been procured from Henry Longstreth, and are not all distributed.

In connection with the Mosher Committee of New York Yearly Meeting, we have also contributed $150 in aid of Friends' Mexican Mission, to be expended in printing in the Spanish language, some books and tracts, inculcating the principals of Friends.

The receipts and expenditures have been as follows;-

Remaining on hand from last year	$17.39
Received from C. F. Coffin, for Trustees	480.00
	$497.39

Expenditures

Sent to Samuel A. Purdie, Mexico	$150.00
Paid for 300 Copies "Offices of the Holy Spirit"	120.00
Expenses of Transportation	2.45
Remaining in hands of Treasurer	224.94
	$497.39

On behalf of the Committee

Alfred H. Jones
R. S. Murray

Newport R.I. 6th Mo 13th 1884

23. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund, Viz:-

Income for the past year.

Interest from Boston Bond	$ 300.00
New Bedford Institution for Savings	31.88
Lynn " " "	67.77
	$599.65

Expenditures.

Paid J. E. Paige Treasurer	$480.00
" to Capital one fifth income	119.65
	$599.65

Investment of the Fund

Boston Registered 5% Bond	$10,000.00
New Bedford Institution for Savings	733.04
Lynn " " "	1,772.23
	$12,505.27

For the Trustees

C. F. Coffin.

Lynn Mass 6th mo 1st 1884

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon

Afternoon-met pursuant to adjournment.

24. The following Summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, Viz:—

Answer 1st With little exception, our members are diligent in attending Meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of their families.

Answer 2nd We are in unity one with another and with the Meetings to which we belong, harmoniously laboring together in gathering unto Christ, with little exception reported in Four Quarterly Meetings.

Answer 3d We believe our members are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

Minute

The reading of the Queries and Answers has called forth much pertinent counsel and instruction from our brethren in the ministry, calculated to make all feel the deep obligations we are under to our beneficent Father in Heaven, to praise and adore His name for His matchless loving-kindne

to the children of men, and to be clothed with the armor of light for aggressive work against the powers of darkness.

We were reminded that we should be vigilent and active, working while it is called to-day, for the night of death will soon come wherein no man can work.

Care should be exercised that none of Gods ministers be burdensome by wandering or too lengthy preaching, that which is the most effectual is that which is short and direct, and accompanied by the power of the Divine Spirit.

Allusion was made to some of the changes which have come over our Society, and the older members were tenderly entreated to be kind and loving toward the young who may be called to speak, or read a portion of Scripture in any of our Meetings, that no scar may be left on the minds of these. "Be careful" as George Fox says, "how you put your feet among the tender plants". None should be governed by precedent in rendering service unto the Lord, but rather seek to be clothed with the spirit, "Lord what will thou have me to do", and, while maintaining a blessed oneness in Christ, acknowledge the individuality of each in the exercise of the spiritual gifts conferred, Some may have one gift, and some more than one, but all are to be exercised to the glory of God, and in gathering souls unto Christ.

Fears were entertained that, as ministers and elders, we were remiss in harmoniously laboring together, and that with greater faithfulness in this respect more abundant would be the fruitage of the Church.

Alfred H. Jones. Clerk.

25. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by this Meeting.

26. The Committee on the subject of Peace have presented their Annual Report, Viz:-

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To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the subject of Peace Report, that while they have not been unmindful of their appointment they have not given to it the attention that its importance demands.

No way has seemed to open for united action, but individual work has been performed by several members of the Committee, by the distribution of tracts and papers and other matter bearing upon the subject. A few Peace Meetings have been held during the year by Quarterly and Monthly Meeting Committees appointed for that service. Some of these have been attended and addressed by some members of this Committee. In several places where series of Meetings have been held, this important part of the Gospel has been largely dwelt upon, we believe in the authority of God. In view of the war sentiment which yet prevails to so great an extent, both in this and other lands, a sentiment for which the Church is in a great measure responsible we feel that the time has not come for us as a Society to lower our standard, or to diminish in any degree our efforts in behalf of Peace. And we would recommend that Quarterly and Monthly Meetings be encouraged to keep Committees on Peace under appointment to labor by themselves, or in connection with the Yearly Meeting's Committee as way opens therefor.

What work has been performed during the past year has been done without drawing upon the funds in the hands of the Committee, so that the same sum reported last year, $38.88, is still held by us unexpended.

On behalf of the Committee
Charles H. Jones
Mary Alice Gifford

Newport 6th Mo 14th 1884.

The Report is satisfactory to this Meeting and we conclude to continue the subject under the care of the same Committee with the addition of John Metcalfe. The Committee are James P. Boyce, George A. Barton, Charles W. Goddard, Miriam Cartland

Eli Jones, Samuel R. Buffington, Mary Alice Gifford, James R. Collins, Charles H. Jones, Huldah E. Jones and John Metcalf.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow Morning at 10. O'clock

Third-day Morning the 17th. The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

27. The Committee to whom was refered the proposition from Rhode Island, Salem and Dover Quarterly Meetings in reference to United Meetings, and from Salem Quarterly Meeting in reference to the 10th Query, report as follows, Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to whom was referred the proposition from Rhode Island, Salem and Dover Quarterly Meetings, in regard to United Meetings, and the proposition from Salem with respect to the 10th Query would propose the following changes, Viz:-

That on page 101 in the Discipline (Edition of 1878) under the head of "Preparative Meetings" the paragraph beginning with the words, "Small Preparative Meeting" be stricken out; and under the head of "Meetings for Discipline" on page 74, after the words, "mutual consent" the following be inserted, Viz:-

Quarterly, Monthly and Preparative Meetings may be held as United Meetings of Men and Women Friends, whenever in the judgment of said Meetings it is desirable.

United Quarterly and Monthly Meetings shall appoint one man and one woman as Clerks, and where the superior Meeting is held in separate sessions, separate Reports shall be made and signed by each Clerk for his or her respective Meeting.

United Preparative Meetings may appoint but one Clerk, either man or woman.

Wherever the Discipline requires concurrent action all such business may be transacted either in separate or joint sessions or in United Meetings.

And with respect to the 10th Query we would propose that the last clause

"And is judgment placed, when it appears necessary in the authority of truth and according to Discipline be stricken out.

On behalf of the Committee
Alfred H. Jones
Alice W. Maxfield

Newport, R. I. 6th Mo 16th 1884
The Report is adopted and the Discipline is changed accordingly, and the Clerks are directed to inform our subordinate Meetings of the changes which have been made, by furnishing them with printed copies thereof, and of this Minute, and that a sufficient number of copies be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting That all the holders of our book of Discipline may obtain a copy free of cost.

28 The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their Annual Report, Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee having charge of the Foreign Mission work of the Yearly Meeting in presenting this their Annual Report, feel that we have much to be thankful to our Heavenly Father for, in the blessings which have continued to rest upon the work which is still progressing upon Mt Lebanon. The work had reached such large proportions it was deemed best by the Committees of English and American Friends at the beginning of the past year that a departmental system be adopted for carrying forward the work.

While our dear friend Theo Waldmeier still holds his position as head of the Mission, which he has so efficiently carried forward from the beginning, the direct work is under the charge of five assistants: Vice Gotfellah Rishallah has charge of the Boys' Training Home; Maria Feltham of the Girls' Training Home; Ibrahim Jarro of the Branch Schools; Dr Beshara Mansch of the Medical Department, and Ellen Clayton Superintendent of the Hospital. This division of responsibility has added much to the efficiency of the Mission, and all have been successfully carried on.

Twenty-four boys have been in the Training Home, and the same class of fifteen girls have been in the Girls' Training Home which entered in Tenth Month 1882.

There have been two new Schools opened the past year, making nine day schools with about three hundred scholars under the care of native teachers.

Another story has been added to the Hospital, which with some other improvements adds largely to the efficient working of the Medical department.

A deep interest continues in the Meetings for worship which are held regularly First-days and during the week. The past year a Meeting for worship has been held one evening in the week, when the services were in English, this is attended by the English and native workers in the Mission, and several of the scholars from the two Training Homes who are able to understand the language. Some additions have been made to the Monthly Meeting, among them Miriam Abo Nasser, teacher in the Girls' Training Home, Halena Risk, wife of the teacher of the Boys' School at Brumana, and others, with some applications still before the Meeting.

We feel grateful to our Heavenly Father for opening the hearts of our friends to supply the funds for carrying on the work, not only of our own Yearly Meeting, who have so liberally subscribed, but would thank the Friends of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, the Women's Foreign Mission Association of Western Yearly Meeting, the Women's Foreign Mission Association of Philadelphia, Friends of Damascus, Ohio, and Minneapolis, Minn, for their kind and loving assistance.

We ask the Yearly Meeting to continue the care of the Mission at Brumana, and to appropriate $750. to carry on the work the ensuing year.

On behalf of the Committee
Charles M. Jones Clerk

Committee on Foreign Missions of New England Yearly Meeting in account with George Howland, Jr. Treasurer.

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Dr

1883 5th Mo	Balance from last Year	$187.65
	Amounts rec'd from Monthly Meetings	843.03
	" from right friends of Missions	395.00
	" for Special purposes	265.00
	" from sundry persons in small sums	86.21
	" " Yearly Meeting	750.00
	" " Dividend Savings Bank	7.89
	" " Boston Sabbath School	28.50
		$2563.28

Cr

1883 6th Mo	Amt sent Theo Waldmeier to pay indebtedness	$229.83
9th " Mo	" " " " " " current expenses	957.00
10th " "	" paid E. Anthony & Sons printing	40.00
11th " "	" sent Theo Waldmeier for Mannuich School contributed by Women's Foreign Mission Society, Philadelphia	150.00
12th " Mo	Paid sundry small bills	10.00
1884 3 " mo	Amt sent Theo Waldmeier current expenses	94.38
6th " "	" paid for sundry repairs on building and wall, Brumana and Ramallah	87.50
	Balance to new account	94.57
		$2563.28

George Howland, Jr.
Treasurer of Committee

New Bedford 6th mo 10th 1884

Training Home on Mt Lebanon in account with George Howland, Jr Treasurer

Dr

1883 9th Mo	Amount sent Theo Waldmeier expenses for 7 girls, supported by Western Yearly Meeting	243.00
10th " Mo	Amount sent Theo Waldmeier as above	242.75
12th " "	" " " " " " and including $65. from Damascus Ohio for expenses for one girl	281.30
		$767.05

Cr

1883 7th Mo	Amount rec'd from Western Yearly Meeting	362.00
	" " " Damascus Ohio	65.00
	" " " interest on permanent fund and amt rec'd last year	340.05
		$767.05

George Howland, Jr.
Treasurer of Committee

New Bedford 6th mo 10th 1884.

The Report was listened to with much interest, and we are thankful that our Heavenly Father has opened this field for service. The little seed sown years ago in faith and hope, has now grown to a mighty tree, under whose shad ow many weary, benighted souls have come to rest.

We commend this work again to the care of the Committee, and trust that the prayers and also the material aid of our members will be abundantly given to its support. The request of the Committee for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

A loving Epistle from the Monthly Meeting of Bu-xton was also read and referred to the Committee on Correspondence of Women Friends. We again entrust the charge to the same Committee for another year, with the exception of our late dear friend Henry T. Wood, deceased. The sum of $229.31 was collected by voluntary contribution for the current expenses of the Mission, and a further sum of $227.50 for establishing a Girls Training Home at Ramallah near Jerusalem was subscribed. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees, to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year. Committee on Foreign Missions - Eli Jones, Rebecca H. Smiley, William Thompson, Susan T. Thompson, Harriet N. Jones, George Howland, Jr., Sylvia G. Howland, Albert C. Buffum, Anna G. Wood, Obadiah Chace, Eli Jepson, Charles M. Jones, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Benjamin T. Knowles, Sarah F. Tobey, Augustus T. Cox, Eliza R. Varney, Harriet D. Collins, J. Warren Starkey, Mary W. Jones, Celinda Metcalf, William H. Beale Abby M. Harris, Timothy B. Hussey, Elizabeth K. Hoxie, Moses Sawyer, Hannah B. Sawyer, Rachel G. Howland and Huldah H. Leighton.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon - The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

27. The Committee under appointment in reference

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to the few members of our Society residing in the British Provinces, made the following Report, Viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

Your Committee, in whose care are the Friends from the British Provinces, have attended to the object of their appointment. We have extended pecuniary aid, which was much needed to avoid embarrassment or physical want.

We humbly hope that kind visits made, and the affectionate correspondence with some of the Committee, have helped to strengthen the mind, and induce a cheerful Christian resignation, becoming to all.

The Committee received balance from last year $ 64.02
And have expended 49.85
Leaving a balance on hand $ 14.17
We would recommend an appropriation of $ 35.00

For the Committee
Benjamin F. Knowles

Newport 6th mo 16th 1884

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting and the same Committee is continued for service another year. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance. The Committee are Benjamin F. Knowles, Hannah J. Bailey, George Richardson, Thomas B. Nichols and Rachel B. Nichols.

30. The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, &c, have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, Viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, &c, have given attention to their appointment, and report as follows, Viz:-

Balance from last year	1,238.71
Books of Discipline sold	11.00
Dividends Eagle Bank Stock	80.00
" New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank	27.00
Amount carried up	1,356.71

Amount brought up	1356.71
Merchants National Bank Loan	1000.00
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, last years quota	22.00
Vassalboro " " " " "	44.00
Rhode Island " " "	920.00
Salem " " "	680.00
Sandwich " " "	1400.00
Falmouth " " "	160.00
Smithfield " " "	200.00
Vassalboro " " "	200.00
Dover " " "	160.00
Fairfield " " "	280.00
	$6,422.71

Payments

Expenses at Portland 6th Month 1883	479.80
Printing	313.75
John C. Gove	198.00
Recording	64.00
Expres, Postage &c	16.15
Merchants National Bank, New Bedford, Loan	1,000.00
" " " " " Interest	8.75
Associated Executive Committee on Indians	595.00
Bible School Committee	21.08
Committee on Foreign Missions	750.00
" " Freedmen	1,000.00
" " North Carolina Mission	300.00
" " Temperance	150.00
George H. Phillips	34.75
Balance now in Treasurers hands	1,490.43
	$6422.71

Income of Boston Meeting House Fund.

Balance from last Report	797.14
Received income from bonds	450.00
" " " Savings Bank	36.99
	$1,284.13

Paid for rent of Wesleyan Hall, Boston	350.00
" " " " Highland " "	50.00
Balance now in Treasurers hands	884.13
	$1284.13

We recommend that four thousand dollars be

raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and nominate George Howland, Jr., for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds.

For the Committee

Newport 6th mo 17th 1884 Owen Dame

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of four thousand dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and George Howland, Jr., is appointed Treasurer; and Thomas Harkness is appointed Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed; and this Meeting also directs that it be paid into the Treasury on or before the first of 5th mo next.

31. The Committee to promote the cause of Temperance in our own Society and in the community at large, presented their Report, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

The work of the Temperance Committee has been carried on in much the same manner as in previous years, the different members laboring along the several lines as they have felt the Lord directed. As we have tried to walk with Him in these paths, and have looked to Him for wisdom to know, and strength to do, His will, we gratefully acknowledge that in no case has He failed to fulfil the promise, "Lo I am with you alway".

We praise Him that He has in so many ways advanced the cause, and that we have evidence that its importance is steadily gaining ground in the minds of the public, and that constantly there are added to our ranks those whose deep piety and well developed minds eminently fit them to exert a wide-spread influence.

In an especial manner the most earnest and thoughtful workers are drawn to see the importance of instructing the young in the subject

of Temperance as a science, that they may fully and clearly understand the effects of alcohol upon the body.

We rejoice that so many are aroused to feel the need of right instruction of the rising generation, and thus laying the solid foundation on which the society of the future shall rear a structure of purity and sobriety, the like of which the world has never known.

Five of the States of our Union have already enacted laws making Scientific Instruction in Temperance compulsory in the public Schools.

The work of the Committee has been largely directed in the line of juvenile instruction. A number of schools have been established in different localities, in which are taught as simply as possible the effects of alcohol upon the system. Some of these schools have been in operation two or three years, and we can already see that the seed sown has begun to bring fourth fruit; others are yet in their infancy, but we believe with the blessing of God they are to become powerful agencies in uprooting the terrible evil of intemperance from our land.

Two Meetings under the care of the Committee have been held at The Boarding School at Providence. In order to increase the interest in Temperance among the pupils, the Committee thought best to offer prizes for the four best essays on "The Alcoholic, its Causes and Remedy," and Twenty five dollars of the Yearly Meeting's appropriation was set apart for that object. Books of reference prepared by our best writers on the subject were placed in the Library for their use, and the Principal and Teachers heartily Co-operated in the work, which resulted in quite a number of well prepared papers, and, we trust, an increased interest in the subject. We earnestly desire that this interest may be not only sustained but increased, and that future Committees appointed by the Yearly Meeting may feel the importance of Special work in that Institution, and that the time may not be far distant when Scientific Temperance Instruction shall be added to the regular course of study in that School.

Out of fifty blanks sent out to our Bible Schools, thirty have been filled and returned with results as follows:

Number of Officers and Teachers 211

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Num^r of those that have signed Temperance Pledge 174
" " " " " " Triple " 82
" " Scholars 1.454
" " " " " " Temperance " 698
" " " " " " Triple " 322

There are connected with these Bible Schools ten organizations for the instruction of the children in Temperance, which have a membership of 489 children and 158 adults. These have held 110 meetings during the year. Besides these regular meetings for instruction, 59 temperance meetings have been held in connection with the Bible School work.

The fact that so large a number of our Bible Schools have not responded to our call for statistics, necessarily renders our report very incomplete, while the reports received show a great need of earnest work in the different localities. Therefore we recommend to the Yearly Meeting that they continue this department of Christian work, but would advise the appointment of a new Committee, as the present Committee has been under appointment for four years.

We think there are other members of our Yearly Meeting who need just this kind of work to develop them, and we trust that they will be enabled to labor with greater effect than we have done.

We think that the Yearly Meeting should appropriate, at the least, two hundred dollars for the needs of the work the ensuing year.

Mary Almy Chase
Secretary.

The Treasurer of the Committee on Temperance makes the following report;

Balance on hand from last year	$9.29
Rec^d of George Howland, Jr Treasurer of Y. Mtg	150.00
	$159.29
Amount expended during the year	$159.29

John F. Chase
Treasurer

Newport R.I. 6^th^ Mo 16^th^ 1884

We feel that the present is no time for relaxing our efforts, and we commend the cause to the continued care of a Committee. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance. The following Friends are appointed to select a suitable Committee to whom this service may be confided, viz:- Ezra Hawkes, John B. Bayliss, Charles H. Jones, George C. Herbert, William H. Perry, Abigail Whelen, Samuel Buffum, Mary Almy Chase, Susan Ann Gifford, Frank E. Jones, Susan H. Meader, Elizabeth T. Larkin, Myra E. Frye and Olney T. Meader.

32. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year. The Friends named are satisfactory to the Meeting and are appointed accordingly, viz:- Benjamin F. Knowles, Wm C. Taber, Charles M. Bailey, Sophia D. Bailey, Richard Battey, Sarah F. Tobey, Ellen K. Buffum, Enoch Hoag, George Howland, Jr. Augustine Jones, William Thompson, Rachel B. Nichols, George Douglas, William O. Newhall, Charles F. Coffin, Charles Taber, Lydia Haight, Hannah J. Bailey, S. Jane Cox, Anna G. Wood, Augustus F. Cox, Jacob K. Purinton, Anthony M. Kimber, David K. Akin, James H. Chace, Samuel R. Buffinton, Mary W. Collins, Reuben T. Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Gulielma M. Thorndike, Huldah S. Buffum, Susan T. Thompson, Alfred H. Jones, Harriet D. Collins, Owen Dame, John F. Chase, Olney T. Meader and William H. Cate.

33. The Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel service have now presented a concise and interesting report which is satisfactory to the Meeting, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

As servants entrusted with sacred and responsible duties your Committee would render an account of the Gospel Work which our Heavenly Father has wrought through this instrumentality, and in doing so would ascribe all the praise to Him, who by the Holy Spirit has directed the labor and sealed the service. While we have sometimes experienced personal sacrifice,

in leaving our homes to proclaim the Gospel message that has been blessedly overbalanced by the joy of knowing that in many localities new names have been added to our Father's family. We would record our sense of loss in the removal by death of our beloved brother and associate, Henry T. Wood. Endowed with much executive ability and having an intimate knowledge of the condition and needs of the various meetings within our limits, together with an extensive acquaintance with the workers here and elsewhere, he was admirably qualified to be Chairman of this Committee, a position which he occupied for several years until failing health caused him to surrender it to others. From faithfully serving here, he has entered the higher service above, but the influence of his devoted earnest labors will not be lost.

At the first meeting of the Committee, after a season of prayerful waiting before the Lord and earnest enquiring to know His will, the conviction was forced upon us that a more systematic arrangement of the work was necessary, and accordingly the Yearly Meeting was divided into four districts with a pastoral Superintendent for each. Our limited experience in this line has proved the value of the plan. Some mistakes have doubtless been made, but on the whole more pastoral care and more effective labor has been the result; and we are convinced that vastly more may yet be done, with the blessing of God in bringing not only individual members but entire meetings into active sympathy and coöperation with the aggressive spirit of the Gospel. We can acknowledge the general feeling of unity that has prevailed and the willingness of most meetings to coöperate, many times being so conscious of their need of greater life that they expressed a desire for revival service. The Friends appointed as District Superintendents have rendered an account of their services and from their Reports we compile the following statistics:

First District:— Charles M. Jones, Superintendent, reports— number of Meetings in the District, 16. number of Meetings visited, 14. number of sermons

of Meetings, 5: number of meetings in series, 78: number of Bible readings, 3: number of two-days meetings, 6: number of profesed conversions, 50: J. N. Douglas labored very satisfactorily in the series of Meetings held at Winthrop, Maine. The Gospel was clearly preached in all its fulness, and as a result a large number were converted and reclaimed, some of them birth-right members who had never known anything of a change of heart, and the general verdict is that the Church never received so much of a blessing as at this time. In another series was a notable case of an old man of about seventy, who was converted, became a diligent attender of Meetings and requested to become a member of our Society. There are some localities where the improvement is very marked, but in some others we have little to encourage us. We have not many additions to the Church as yet, but to my mind this is not discouraging. The Church has been very low and it takes a great amount of work to bring her up to where souls will be converted and added to her and receive the fostering care they must have or else die. I am satisfied I see a general movement in this direction, and I believe the time is not far off when we shall have large numbers added to our membership.

Second District. — Timothy B. Hussey, Superintendent; report; — number of Meetings in the District, 17: number of Meetings visited, 14: number of series of Meeting, 8: number of meetings in four series, 50: aggregate time of holding four series, 10 weeks; number of Bible Readings, 11: number of profesed conversions, 37: Emeline H. Tuttle, Mary A. Rogers and Amos M. Kenworthy, have greatly aided the Committee and their labors were much blessed of the Lord, in the upbuilding of the Church and confirming the faith of believers.

One of the Meetings was specially blessed with pastoral care during the summer months which resulted in a marked religious interest and growth in the truth. The Holy Spirit has indeed been working mightily in many hearts in our midst, for which we praise the Lord.

Third District — Charles H. Jones, Superintendent, report; — number of Meetings in the District, 20: number of

meetings visited, 14; number of series of meetings, 11; number of meetings in series, 134; number of Bible readings, 4; number of Childrens meetings, 4; number of two-days meetings, 2; number of professed conversions 16. It is frequently the case that more fruit is apparent after meetings have been held than appears while they are in progress. I simply desire to be found doing my blessed Masters will, leaving results with Him to whom belongeth all the glory.

At the close of one of the series of meetings a Friend remarked that, "he felt a little uneasy when so much money was raised at the Yearly Meeting for this Gospel work but he should be in favor of doubling it another year, for he had received such a blessing as he never knew anything about before."

We have visited families and established weekly prayer meetings and Bible readings wherever we could and everywhere encouraged the people to go to work themselves if they wanted to keep revived.

The Lord has richly blessed us, and I can say with a full heart as I close my work with the Committee, "Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me bless His holy name".

Fourth District, Henry C. Aydelott, Superintendent, reports,— number of Meetings in the district, 25; number of Meetings visited, 14; number of series of Meetings, 7; number of meetings in series, 79; number of Bible readings, 15; number of Childrens Meetings 1; number of two-days Meetings, 5; number of professed conversions, 3. S. Adelbert Wood of Michigan labored very satisfactorily in two places in this district, with marked blessing to the Church. A careful survey of the field allotted to me reveals two facts as the cause of our low spiritual state. One is the sad neglect of the service of prayer; the other is the want of faith in the quickening power of the Holy Ghost. We must have more prayer in the closet, in the home and in the congregation. Our trust must be more in a life giving power that comes with prayer, and less in mere legislation.

The following is a summary of the work done by the Committee:

Number of Meetings for worship in the Yearly Meeting.	78
" " " where Labor has been bestowed	56
" " Series of Meetings	31
" " Meetings in twenty seven of the series	341
Aggregate time of holding four remaining "	10 weeks
Number of Bible readings	33
" " Children's Meetings	5
" " two-days "	13
" who have professed to be converted	106
Meetings that have been visited at irregular intervals without continuous service	12

In addition to the above service, every Quarterly Meeting and nearly all the Monthly Meetings have been visited by the Committee, and in each place where special Meetings have been held, the work has been supplemented and largely blessed by visiting the members in their homes, particular attention having been given to the aged, the sick, and to those recently converted.

A prominent phase of the work and one that has demanded much of the energies of the servants of the Lord, has been to endeavor to arouse the Church to a sense of her high and glorious privileges, and of her responsibility in the work of upbuilding. Discouragements had too often taken the place of a firm trust in God, and it seemed to be of no avail to reach out for the unsaved when the Church had no spiritual food to give to the babes in Christ after they should be brought in. The call has been loudly sounded throughout our borders, "Awake, Awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments O Jerusalem,*** Shake thyself from the dust; arise,*** loose thyself from the bands of thy neck,"— (Isa 52; 1, 2.) Many have heeded the message. The spirit of God has been at work in the quickening of His professed followers and in a general awakening to the necessity and value of living holy, consecrated lives, and we think a great advance has been made this year in elevating the standard of spirituality. The importance of shepherding the flock has pressed upon our attention as it has done in years past; and we have been impressed with

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the need of pastoral service in those meetings, having no resident-minister, which are located at business centers, at seaside resorts where the attendance is largely increased during the summer months, and at country meetings where there are many young people. Such meetings need some positive, deep Christian experience around which to rally and which in turn will lead them to a more advanced Christian life and practice; in fact, the continued existence of some meetings will depend upon some systematic arrangement for feeding the flock and looking after individual members.

We have in our midst those who have been anointed and qualified of the Lord to be pastors and teachers.

May the Lord so direct New England Yearly Meeting that she may wisely meet the questions of recognizing the various gifts of her members and of utilizing all the forces God has given her, so that in fields now barren and desolate she may yet gather golden grain.

We can look back on the year that is past, and thank God for what He has wrought, and having faithfully endeavored to serve the Church, we commit the work again to the Yearly Meeting.

Eli Jones
Chairman

P. S. Aydelott Secretary

Treasurer's Report.

The sum placed at our disposal in aid of this work	$1,012.24
To which has been added interest	22.50
	$1,034.74
Expended during the year	$ 786.11
Leaving in the hands of the Committee	248.63
	$1,034.74

Anna G. Wood
Treasurer.

With gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the evident blessing which has attended their faithful labors during the past year, we unite in the reappointment of the same Committee with the exception of our late dear friend, Henry T. Wood, deceased, and Sarah W. Newlin (late Goddard) removed from within our limits, and the addition of Annie M. Ray,

Anthony M. Kimber and Elizabeth S. H. Smith. The Meeting entered into a voluntary contribution and the sum of $207.65 was raised and placed in the hands of the Committee. The Committee are Eli Jones, Phebe S. Aydelott, Anna G. Wood, Rebecca H. Smiley, Ruth S. Murray, Charles H. Jones, William Jacob, Charles M. Jones, J. Warren Hawkes, William P. Macomber, Lydia Haight, Alice Almy, Henry C. Aydelott, Harriet D. Collins, Elizabeth T. Larkin, William Thompson, Susan T. Thompson, Cyrus Cartland, Timothy B. Hussey, Hannah S. Wing, George H. Farr, Joseph E. Briggs, Annie M. Ray, Anthony M. Kimber and Elizabeth S. H. Smith.

34. The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee to disburse the income of the Mosher Fund, have presented the following named Friends which are acceptable to the Meeting, and they are appointed accordingly, Viz- William Thompson, Alfred H. Jones, John Ellwood Paige, Rebecca H. Smiley, Ruth S. Murray and Esther Jones.

Adjourned to meet in joint Session this evening at 8, O'clock.
Evening met pursuant to adjournment.

35. The Report of the Committee on Bible Schools was presented and read, which is satisfactory to the Meeting.
Upon the recommendation of the Committee for a new appointment, we appoint our friends Thomas Wood, Henry F. Newell, George H. Farr, George C. Herbert, Joseph E. Briggs Mary C. Baylis, and Deborah W. Crosman to nominate a Committee to have the charge of this concern during the ensuing year. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance. A voluntary contribution was taken and the sum of $70.26 was received. The Report is as follows, Viz—

To the Yearly Meeting.

Most of the schools throughout the Yearly Meeting have been visited by some members of the Committee during the past year. An increasing interest has been manifested in the study of the Scriptures in a large number of the Schools. Quarterly Conferences have been held as usual.

The Bible School Quarterly, prepared by Friends, has been used in part of the classes

in thirty three Schools:

There were some effort made to hold a General Conference in the Eighth Month but way did not open for it, therefore there has none been held during the year. We recommend a new Committee be appointed, and that as large an appropriation be placed at their disposal as shall be deemed consistent with the importance of the work

Saloma C. Wheeler
Sec. Pro Tem.

Statistical Report:

	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars	Average attendance	No. of Friends in Schools	
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	9	487	348	193	702
Salem " "	8	419	175	251	668
Sandwich " "	10	311	235	148	722
Falmouth " "	10	434	299	177	606
Smithfield " "	7	274	171	108	406
Vassalboro " "	7	219	138	145	480
Dover " "	4	147	93	66	306
Fairfield " "	7	417	278	99	469
	62	2708	1737	1189	4359

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

From George Howland, Jr., $21.08

Expenditures

Expenses visiting Schools	$14.40
Printing	3.68
Aid to Schools	3.00
	$21 08

J. Warren Hawkes
Chairman and Treasurer.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock

Fourth-day morning the 18th

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment

36. The Committee appointed last year to visit the Conference of Congregational Churches of Maine reported their attendance. They found a band of earnest, devoted Ministers and workers, and were cordially welcomed and hospitably entertained.

A delegate was appointed at that Conference to attend this Yearly Meeting; but we have received a letter from him expressing his regret at being prevented from being with us.

The following greeting is approved by this Meeting and directed to be forwarded to the above named Conference now in session, signed by our Clerks.

To the General Conference of the Congregational Churches of Maine.

Dear friends,— We have received at this time the Report of our Committee who were appointed last year to attend your Conference. They bring to us your cordial greeting and Christian salutation to which we most heartily respond.

We feel that as followers of one common Lord we can indeed sympathize in His service though we may be led in different paths.

As the Lord Jesus Christ is the center of religious life and power the nearer His followers come to Him the more nearly they approach each other. And if Christians would successfully oppose the great enemy of souls they must not waste their strength in combating one another.

We regret that your delegate John S. Sewall was unable to be with us at this time. We have received a fraternal letter from him securing his absence.

We desire that the Lord Jesus the Great Head of the Church may be with you in your Conference, strengthening and refreshing your souls and equipping you for service. May the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, the only endowment of power, rest upon you and us, enabling each in our several allotments to glorify Him.

37. The Committee appointed for that purpose propose the following named Friends to constitute a Committee on Temperance, which is satisfactory and adopted, as follows, Viz:— Ezra Hunkins, John S Chase, Charles W.

Goddard, Harriet D. Collins, Charles A. Chace, Elizabeth
Gifford, Louisa N. Meader, Alice W. Hawkes, James P. Boyce
John H. Crosman, Elizabeth F. Larkin, Ruth S. Murray, Mary
C. Bayliss, Edward T. Tucker, Hannah S. Wing, A. F. Cox,
S. Jane Cox, Emma F. Gretchell, Sarah W. J. McLellan,
Huldah H. Leighton, John Metcalfe, George F. Varney,
Abigail Wheeler, Susan A. Gifford, Eli Jones, Frank E.
Jones, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Timothy B. Hussey, Ann
M. Hussey, Thomas Hoag, Ida M. Jenness, Joseph E. Briggs
Harriet N. Jones, Hepsie A. Hoxie, Joseph T. Richardson
and Phebe Wing.

38. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi River, have presented a report which has been read. The effort of the Committee for their elevation and instruction in the principles of the Gospel of Christ, has been richly blessed, and we rejoice that in the untutored savage as well as in the more cultivated mind, the spirit of the Lord works for their highest advantage and greatest good.

The subject of an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance. We appoint our Friends Thomas B. Buffum, Myra E. Frye, Matthew Howland, Electa J. Collins, Charles H. Jones, Ellen K. Buffum, A. F. Cox, and Joseph E. Briggs a Committee to produce at the next sitting of this Meeting a Committee to whom this interesting concern may be confided another year. The Report is as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

During the past Year the direct labor in behalf of the Indians has been done by the Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs, representing the various Yearly Meetings

The report of White's Manual Labor Institute at Wabash, Indiana is satisfactory. Benjamin S. Coppock writes, "The children have made commendable progress in all kinds of industry, and in the facility and ease of performing it. The boys show an interest in the growth, harvesting and yield of crops, in the health and good appearance of stock, and in the improvements on the farm and buildings. The girls have been faithful helpers in all kinds of housework;

their progress has been satisfactory. In school work the children have advanced steadily, at times showing real enthusiasm; their conduct has been praiseworthy. During a part of the year there has been deep religious feeling, and we believe several of the children have been hopefully converted."

The subject of providing temporary homes, in white families, for those Indian youths who have been trained in Industrial Schools, was considered and approved by the Committee. There are 49 children now in school, 15 more expected soon. The new home for girls is completed. The officers and teachers have shown extraordinary devotion to their arduous duties and most self-sacrificing toil. This Institution calls loudly for our sympathy.

The religious work in Quapaw Indian Agency embraces the Modoc, Ottowa, Wyandotte and Seneca Tribes, also the Shawnees living among the Cherokees in the north-east part of the country. Preparative Meetings are regularly held at the Modoc, Wyandotte and Seneca Meeting places. Grand River Monthly Meeting is held alternately at each of the places named. A new Monthly Meeting-house has been erected at Shawnee town in the Sac and Fox Agency.

Steamboat Frank, a devoted Minister, seems to possess unfaltering faith, though recently afflicted by the loss of his wife and child, and with failing health. His uniform testimony is, "Father in Heaven knows best. He take good care me, I trust him, I not scourged, I happy all the time like at first." His gift in the Ministry has had a steady though not rapid growth, and his labors therein are acceptable especially in his own Meeting where he is best understood. He has desired for some time to visit his people in Oregon. The Associated Executive Committee were united in approval of his going forth upon this religious service, and provided him with means to defray his expenses by private contribution.

One of the two Meeting-houses for which funds were raised, at our last Yearly Meeting, has been completed and occupied, with an average attendance of 30, the majority of whom cannot understand

English. A Bible School has been regularly held at the new Meeting house since its opening, superintended by Lucy Winney, an Indian woman, who is quite conversant with both English and Native languages.

Jeremiah Hubbard and John M. Watson have kept on diligently with their religious work in the Agency the past year. Eliza Watson has been engaged in teaching the Modoc Women to care for their homes which has been greatly blessed to them. She thinks of giving up this work unless she can have more help to carry it on.

The whole amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is $3,500. The quota of this yearly Meting is $595. We recommend that this sum be appropriated.

The present Committee having been long under appointment would propose that a new Committee be appointed, and advise the Monthly Meetings to enter into the work.

In conclusion, the Committee feel that it is with thankfulness that they are permitted to see so much evidence that the Lord's blessing is upon the work and its workers.

On behalf of the Committee,
Wm O. Newhall
Myra E. Frye

39. The Committee on the Concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen of the South, have presented their Sixth Annual Report, together with the report of the condition of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tenn made by its Superintendent, William P. Hastings.

We again refer this Concern to the same Committee. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

We hope that the liberal offer of a Friend for the establishment of an Endowment Fund, will find a response in the hearts of those to whom our Heavenly Father has entrusted the Stewardship of earthly treasures. Any one who feels disposed

in this direction, may communicate with Benjamin S. Knowles, South Manchester, Conn. The Report is as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

Your Committee, in connection with the Principal of the School, have endeavored to make the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tennessee, useful to the colored man by giving him a good secular and Christian education, one that will make him a respected citizen,- profitable to himself and a benefit to the community in which he may live. Anything short of this will fail to meet the object for which the enterprise was undertaken.

The School was opened at the usual time in Eighth Mo. last, but, for the want of funds, non-paying pupils were not admitted, and there being a free district School in the neighborhood the number of students was much below that of previous years, yet of a higher grade. Nearly fifty per cent. of the entire school at its opening entered the Normal Class to fit themselves for teaching.

During the Fall Term the enrollment remained less than usual, but, owing to the large number of students who came from other sections of the county, the per cent. of attendance was much above the average of former years, and their improvement correspondingly greater. The Normal class rose in Ninth Month to Thirty-eight, and at the close of the School in the Twelfth Month to fifty-eight- a number more than double what it was during the same time last year. Eighty- of the Institute's former students at the commencement of the fall term reported themselves as teaching common schools, and at the close, eighty-three were occupied in the same calling,- twenty more than were reported last year for the same time.

The Spring Term opened early in the First Month, 1880 with one hundred and thirty-nine pupils; Seventy-two of these were in the Teacher's Training Class, and it closed with one hundred and forty-five, ninety four of whom were in the same class fitting themselves for usefulness among their own people. The number of students reporting themselves engaged in teaching, came but little short of what it was last fall.

In comparing the Reports of the schools, under the care of our students, with former years, we are

warranted in believing that they have extended over more time, - imparting instruction, as stated by Wm. P. Hastings, to not less than four thousand of their race, for which every lover of our country ought to be truly thankful, and manifest a willingness to help forward so laudable a cause.

The number of pupils in the Institute this year has been less than usual, but the per cent. of attendance greater, and their standing higher, with an advance in their studies unequalled in former years.

The interest taken in the Sabbath School and religious meetings indicates a growth pertaining to morals and religion, so as to effect a commendable change in their character.

Last year Wm. P. Hastings was a greater part of the time absent from the School laboring among the colored people in the interest of temperance and education, this year he has not been engaged in the same service, with a very limited exception.

The second bell, procured at a New York foundry, cracked like the first, so as to be worthless, and was removed from the belfry last Fall, and one from a bell foundry in Baltimore recently put in its place.

A severe hail storm in last Seventh Month broke considerable glass in the windows.

The roof has been repaired and covered with good tin and one coat of paint, but will need another sometime this coming year.

The more the Committee become acquainted with the noble work of this Institution in educating teachers, and what the students sent out from it are doing to help the poor colored man to an education that will fit him for usefulness and make him a more desirable citizen of our country, the more solicitous we are that this work be not curtailed for the want of pecuniary aid.

Friends have always been deeply interested in helping to improve the condition of the colored man, but this could not be done so long as he was bound by the shackles of slavery. We labored earnestly for his release from such a condition and it was effected. But now we find him only a little above his former state because of his

proclivities to vice, combined with his great ignorance, very much growing out of his former state of servitude. From this condition we believe he can be elevated by good schools to enlarge his intellect, combined with sound Christian training to improve his heart, and create a love to pursue through life a course that will form a noble character.

About four millions of this people, at the close of the war, have increased to about seven millions, and what better can we do for them and our country than to spend part of our substance in putting the Freedmens Normal Institute at Maryville, Tennessee, in a condition to more successfully pursue the object for which it was established?

What better can Friends and all others do who wish to help forward such an Institution by their substance, than to give before the close of life?

As the income of the George Stuge Fund,- a truly noble gift of a dear English Friend,- is intended to lessen the expense of Students attending this Institution, so now what is most needed is an Endowment Fund, at least, of fifteen thousand dollars, the income to be used in paying teachers. Thus these two funds would supplement each other in carrying forward the great and good work of elevating the poor colored man to a respectable condition in society. For an elevating Education many of them are working hard and living a self-denying life.

The Committee are thankful that they can inform this Meeting that a Friend stands ready to place in the hands of three Trustees appointed by this Meeting, five thousand dollars as soon as the other ten thousand can be raised either among Friends or others. And may the good Master put it into the hearts of some to furnish it speedily.

We would ask for an appropriation of eight hundred dollars, to be returned to the Meeting if the above endowment is secured in time to meet the wants of the school.

Financial Statement over

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Cost of bell, freight and hanging		$98.06
Received for bell, from students and citizens	$53.65	
" " " " Wm P. Hastings & family	9.50	
" " " " Entertainment given by school	35.54	98.69

Expended on the building.

Repairing, tinning and painting roof as pr bill	$452.00
" window " " "	11.70-463.70

Receipts

From Frank Cheeney	$100.00
" Moses Sawyer	100.00
" a Friend to balance account	263.70
	$463.70

Account with dormitory & appropriation

Received appropriation	$1.000.00
" rent for rooms in dormitory	430.80
	1,430.80

Expended

Paid Wm P. Hastings appropriation	$1.000.00
" " " " for rent of rooms	300.00
Balance for new account	130.80
	$1,430.80

For the Committee

B. F. Knowles

Newport 6th Mo 18th 1884.

Report of the Freedmen's Normal Institute, Maryville, Tennessee, From Eighth Month 20th 1883, To Fifth Month 16th 1884. Including the School year.

Number of days taught	188
" Enrolled	145
Average number belonging	88.4
" " daily	79.2
Per cent. of attendance	88.1
Teachers in the training class	94
Number teaching in different States	83
Estimated number taught by these teachers	4000
Greatest number of boarders in the building at once	81
Average cost of each students provisions per week	$1.25
Number of primary pupils	7
" studying Intermediate Arithmetic	71

Number studying Complete Arithmetic	67
" " Intellectual "	138
" " Training lessons in English Grammar	7
" " Graded lessons " "	116
" " Higher " " "	22
" " Geography	135
" " United States History	20
" " Latin	5
" " Natural Philosophy	3
" " Algebra	10

The number of students enrolled is smaller than usual with a much larger per cent. of attendance. The cause of this is that we have not used the public funds in the Institution this year. The School has been composed of Students of an unusually high grade, as the foregoing Reports shows. Nine of these have completed the Elementary course of study and received certificates showing their grade. The enrollment of the Sabbath School reached one hundred and fifty with an average of over one hundred. The influence of a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association organized among the Students has been good.

Our Mid-week Meetings have been continued as usual throughout the year. Our membership having increased sufficiently it was thought best for us to have a separate Monthly Meeting. Southern Monthly Meeting was accordingly established on the 25th day of Eighth Month, 1883. We have now seventy Members, six of them being White and the rest colored.

In submitting this annual Report we desire to express our gratitude for the interest manifested by so many of our dear Friends in this very important and much needed work.

May our Heavenly Father continue to move the hearts of His people toward the support of the education and Moral elevation of this people who are even now laboring under so many difficulties and disabilities.

Respectfully submitted
Wm. P. Hastings, Principal

Committee — Benjamin F. Knowles, Charles F. Coffin, Joseph E. Briggs, Moses Sawyer, Gertrude W. Cartland, Hannah J. Bailey and Hannah B. Sawyer.

40. The Trustees of the George Stuge Fund presented their third annual Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting and is as follows, Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

The investment of the Fund remains as at our last report; and for safe keeping is in the vaults of the Rhode Island Safe Deposit Co., in Providence.

One dollar a week was allowed, during the Fall Term, to each of fifty-two students who were receiving instruction in the Normal Class with the intention of being teachers. Seventy-four students were in the same Training Class during the Spring Term, each receiving seventy-five cents a week toward paying their expenses of being in the School.

The number of weeks that pupils were helped by the George Stuge Fund, while in training for teachers during the past year, would equal about fifty-four students attending an entire year of thirty-eight weeks.

At no previous time as is believed by the Principal of the School has the class been of as high a grade, or made so rapid and satisfactory advance in their studies.

Wm P. Hastings in a recent letter, writes that, "A number of discourses have been given on the subject of Peace. Evidently a strong sentiment-prevails among the students in favor of peace principles. They frequently gave expression to their convictions of these principles as according with Scriptural doctrine. The Scriptures were read daily in the School undivided attention being expected — and by about all the students, evident interest was manifested in this as well as all other religious exercises. The prevailing sentiment was decidedly opposed to the use of alcoholic drinks and tobacco."

Financial Statement

Receipts

Balance from last year's account	$660.23
Coupons due Seventh Month 1883	727.50
Intirest due on deposits to Eleventh Month 1883	13.33
Amount up	$1401.06

Amount brought up	$1,401.06
Coupons due First Month 1884	727.50
Interest due on Third Month 30th 1884	15.32
	$2,143.88

Expenditures

Paid Students as per bill for Fall Term 1883	$644.00
" " " " " " Spring " 1884	1,053.00
" Tuition of needy children, as per bill	54.56
" for clothing and other things " " "	30.30
Balance for new account	362.02
	$2,143.88

For the Trustees

Benjamin F. Knowles

Newport Sixth Month 17th 1884.

The Trustees are — Viz: - Benjamin F. Knowles, Samuel R. Buffinton, Augustine Jones, Owen Dame, Rebecca H. Smiley, Ellen K. Buffum and Susan T. Thompson.

Adjourned to meet at 4 Oclock this afternoon in Separate Sessions.

Afternoon — Met pursuant to adjournment.

41. The Committee appointed on the proposition from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting report as follows - Viz: -

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Joint Committee to consider the request from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting in relation to holding the Quarterly Meeting at different places within their respective limits, are united that the change, as proposed, should not be made.

On behalf of the Committee

Samuel R Buffinton
George Howland Jr.,
Mary K Jones
Mary E. Gifford.

Which is accepted and adopted by the Meeting, and the Clerk are directed to inform that Quarterly Meeting of the conclusion of this Meeting.

42. The following request from the Committee on Yearly Meetings is referred to the Committee on Finance, viz: -

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel Service now under appointment by the Yearly Meeting are united in requesting that an appropriation of $300 be made for their use.

On behalf of the Committee
Eli Jones Chairman

Reuben S. Hydeldorfe secretary.

Newport Sixth Month 18th 1884.

43. The Committee on Mission work in North Carolina have to report that there has not been as much done in this interesting field during the past year as in former years, for the good and satisfactory reason that there has not been as much need. The people there have been educated to try to help themselves, and have succeeded so well as to sustain schools in several Neighborhoods with only the aid obtained from their public funds. The school at Hunting Creek was in session four months under the care of James A. Johnson, one of our former pupils, who is now very well educated, and is efficient as a teacher. Fannie Caison, with her untiring perseverance and devotion, has continued the School at Winthrop, in Iredell County, six months of the year, with good success.

The entire expenses of the latter school, and most of those of the former were paid by us, which it seemed necessary to do, but we think there is a prospect that one of these schools will, erelong, be self-supporting. Ninety Scholars have attended the two schools, about one-half of whom were the children of Friends.

Nearly all of the Friends living in the neighborhood of Fannie Caisons School have but recently become Members of Society, and are yet learners and unaccustomed to the ways and practices of it. An indulged Meeting and Bible School have been held in the School-house during the entire year, and are yet continued.

Through the kindness of our Friends Tacy P. Hawkes, Ellen K. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland and Mary S. Wood, several barrells of clothing

and useful articles have been sent to Fannie Larison, and distributed by her to the most needy in the neighborhood of our Schools. Many words of gratitude have been expressed, and blessings pronounced upon the donors, by those who were recipients of these much needed comforts.

We hope the Yearly Meeting will continue this work at least one year more under the care of a Committee. An appropriation of $200 will, we think, be sufficient to continue the work in those places where we have already been engaged, and where the people still greatly need assistance and sympathy.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee

Hannah J. Bailey
Secretary

Newport Sixth Month 16th 1884.

Treasurer's Report-

1883 Sixth Month.	Received from a Friend		$ 1,00
Eleventh "	" " Hannah J. Bailey		5,00
	" " Mary S. Wood		3,00
	" " Ellen K. Buffum		5,00
	" " Salem Monthly Meeting		7,00
	" " Friends, Lynn by J. P. Hawkes		13,00
Twelfth Month	" " George Howland, Jr, Treasurer		300,00
1884 First Month	" " Joseph E. Briggs		5,00
Second "	" " Benjamin F. Knowles		5,00
			$344,00

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1883 Seventh Month.	Paid teachers travelling expenses		$ 10,00
Ninth "	" teacher on account, board.		20,00
Eleventh "	" " " " " of salary		20,00
	" for stove and other needed articles		20,00
Twelfth "	" " board of teachers		14,00
1884 Second "	" Teachers salaries		60,00
Fourth "	" " "		155,00
	" for postage		1,05
	" aid for sick and poor		10,00
	" teachers travelling expenses		11,81
Sixth "	Balance in hands of Committee		22,14
			$344,00

For the Committee

Matthew Howland
Treasurer

Newport R. I. Sixth Month 13th 1884.

The request for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance. The Committee under appointment are continued for service another year, except Rachel S. Howland, released upon her own request, and Elizabeth C. Murray is appointed in her place. The Committee are — Benjamin F. Knowles, Alfred H. Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, Mary R. Jones, Matthew Howland, James R. Collins, Elwood G. Macomber, Charles A. Chace, Phebe S. Aydelott, Ellen K. Buffum, Susan H. Meader, Olney F. Meader, A. Chalkley Collins, Phebe Wing, Martha Vaney, Arthur M. Hussey, Jennie M. Cartland, Mary E. Cartland, Susan C. Kempton, Charles M. Jones, Nellie Bangs, Joseph C. Briggs, Mary S. Wood, Richard Battey, Sarah J. Swift, Elizabeth C. Murray and Nellie Johnson.

44. The Committee appointed this morning to nominate a Committee on Indian Affairs, propose the following which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and they are appointed accordingly, viz:- William C. Newhall, Ellen K. Buffum, Augustine Jones, Rebecca Anthony, John J. Frye, Myra E. Frye, Joseph E. Briggs, Anthony M. Kimber, Asa C. Tuttle, Emeline H. Tuttle, Eli Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, Sarah D. Brown, Olney F. Meader, Hannah S. Wing, Meltiah Gifford, John Metcalfe, Sarah J. Swift, Frank C. Jones, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Mary E. Winslow and Anna M. Gove.

45. The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee on Bible Schools present the following, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Friends named are appointed to that service. We would encourage the Committee to earnest and renewed efforts for the establishment and increase of Bible Schools in our various Meetings, believing that they are the hope of the Church and will directly tend to its life and vigor, viz:- Olney F. Meader, Robert R. Gifford, Harriet D. Collins, George C. Herbert, Lucy F. Herbert, George R. Wood, Hannah S. Wing, Charles H. Goddard, S. Jane Cox, John Metcalfe, Salome C. Wheeler, Frank E. Jones, Huldah E. Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, Alice R. Purinton, Phebe Wing, J. Warren Hawkes and Alice R. Cranston.

46. The Committee appointed in reference to Oak Grove Seminary in Vassalboro, Maine, presented the following, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Joint Committee to whom was referred the subject of Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro, Maine, report that they are united in recommending that the Yearly Meeting accept the trust offered them by the Trustees, viz:- to take the "care and direction" of the Seminary, with the understanding that no appropriation from the Yearly Meeting is expected, now or in the future, for the support of said Seminary.

On behalf of the Committee

James H. Chace.

Hannah J. Bailey

The Report is satisfactory to this Meeting and we conclude to accept the care and direction of Oak Grove Seminary, and Wm C. Newhall, Augustine Jones, Owen Dame and John Ellwood Paige are appointed a Committee, to see that a legal transfer to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting of all the property belonging to Oak Grove Association, is made by the Trustees thereof.

We appoint Robert P. Gifford, Ezra Hawkes, George Howland, Jr., Reuben T. Jones, Jane B. Wheeler, Eli Jones, Wm. Meader, and Joseph E. Briggs a Committee to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends, to produce at our next sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to have the charge of Oak Grove Seminary, also the name of a Friend for Treasurer thereof.

47. We conclude to add the name of Robert P. Gifford to the Boarding School Committee now under appointment, Women Friends concurring.

48. The Committee appointed last year in reference to the proposition from Baltimore Yearly Meeting in relation to the erection of a Meeting House in the City of Washington, D. C., made a verbal Report. The subject is still continued under the care of the same Committee, and they are instructed to receive such sums of money as Friends may feel free to contribute towards that object, and to hold the same until further directed by this Meeting. The Committee are

Ezra Hawkes, George Howland, Jr, and Benjamin S. Lawton

Adjourned to 3, O'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Fifth-day afternoon the 19th.- The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

49. The Committee on Finance, Report as follows, Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

We recommend that the following appropriations be made: Viz:-

For Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	$595.00
" Bible Schools	100.00
" Foreign Missions	750.00
" Freedmen	800.00
" North Carolina Mission	200.00
" Aid to Friends in British Provinces	25.00
" Temperance	200.00
" Peace	25.00
	$2,695.00

By direction of the Committee

Owen Dame

Newport- Sixth Month 19th 1884.

The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the above appropriations are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for such sums as they may need in the prosecution of their various concerns not exceeding the amount appropriated to each. The Standing Committee on Finance are viz:-

For Rhode Island	Samuel R. Buffinton
" Salem	Owen Dame
" Sandwich	George Howland, Jr.,
" Falmouth	Augustus F. Cox
" Smithfield	Richard Battey
" Vassalboro	Charles B. Cates
" Dover	Jacob R. Purinton
" Fairfield	Levi Jones.

50. The Committee appointed to Nominate a Committee to have the care and direction of Oak Grove

Seminary, also the name of a Friend for Treasurer thereof, present the following, viz:- Charles M. Bailey, Eli Jones, Ebenezer Frye, C. Irving Bailey, Charles M. Jones, Augustine Jones, Joseph E. Briggs, Benjamin F. Knowles, John J. Frye, Joseph T. Richardson, Ezra Hawkes, John H. Cromman, Timothy B. Hussey, A. Hun Taber, Frank E. Jones, Melliah G. [illegible] Hannah J. Bailey, Susan T. Thompson, Myra E. Frye, Huldah H. Leighton, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Mary E. Richardson, Harriet L. Hoxie, S. Jane Cox, Harriet D. Collins, Mary W. Jones of Newport, Mary Ann Hoxie, Julia E. Winslow, Emma S. Briggs, C. Alice Jones, Mary E. Taber and Sarah Mabbe. For Treasurer Joseph E. Briggs, of Winthrop Maine. Which is satisfactory to the Meeting and they are appointed accordingly.

51. The Clerk is authorised to sign on our behalf, the following Minute for our Friend James M. Haviland, viz:- "James M. Haviland attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us;" and similar ones for David J. Douglas, Sarah W. Congdon, Deborah C. Thomas, Mary W. Thomas, Francis Lupton, Noah C. McLean, Mary S. Elliott, John P. Pennington, John Henry Douglas, Micajah M. Binford, Daniel B. Johnson, Luke Woodard, Zaccheus H. Powell and Mary H. Rogers.

52. The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend Mary E. Haviland, viz:- Mary E. Haviland attended this Meeting. Her company has been acceptable to us", and similar ones for Martha J. Sands, Miriam C. Douglas, Phebe E. Johnson, Elvira T. Woodard, Mary F. Powell, Aquila H. Pickering and Hannah N. T. Pickering.

53. We appoint the following Committee to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious Meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also, to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, who are now or may then be under appointment; viz:- John F. Tucker, Samuel R. Buffington, Levi Jones, Augustus F. Cox, George Douglas, Ezra Hawkes and Eli Jones.

54. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed; and

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the Clerks are directed to cause an edition of two thousand copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions, and Owen Dame and John Ellwood Paige are appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

55. Epistles to London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings, and a Joint Epistle to Brunana Monthly Meeting were now read and approved the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

56. The Representatives propose that our next Yearly Meeting be held in Portland, Maine, which is satisfactory to this Meeting.

57. With prayerful yet expectant hearts we gathered in this our Annual Assembly, and having disposed of the various important concerns of the Church that have claimed our attention, in much harmony, and we trust Christian unity, a grateful sense of the mercy that has been extended towards us, fills our hearts with a tribute of thanksgiving and praise unto Him who continues to be Head over all things to His Church and people.

We now separate in love, proposing to meet again in Portland, Maine, on the second Sixth-day of the Sixth Month, next Year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall
Clerk

The Correspondents of New England Yearly Meeting are, Viz;—

George Howland Jr, New Bedford Mass
Joseph Cartland Newburyport "

Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, Sixth Month 1884

To London.

Dear friends,

Your Epistle of last Month has been read in our Meeting; the Gospel salutation it brings is gratefully received. We cherish the hope that such fraternal greetings may long continue to be exchanged between the Yearly Meetings that constitute the membership of our religious body.

Since coming together upon this Island, a meeting has been held in the interests of Home and Foreign Missions in which nearly all the Yearly Meetings on the American Continent were represented by some of their earnest workers, who gave interesting accounts of work and of success in their respective fields of service. We were told of aid being given to the work in India, in Mexico, in Syria and among the Indians and Freedmen of this country, and that the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Friends in Philadelphia is reaching out with heart and hand toward Japan and Corea.

May the Lord abundantly bless the work and workers everywhere.

Our Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel work has presented an interesting report of their labors during the past year, from which it appears that a blessing has come to individuals and meetings, resulting in the revival of the Church in many places, and in the conversion of sinners.

We increasingly feel it to be our privilege as well as duty to hold out a helping hand to the fallen and to the lost, and in the name of our Master, carry to such the Gospel message of love and mercy through Christ Jesus our Lord. And may the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit be devoutly sought, by all who deem themselves called of the Lord, to publish the glad tidings of the Gospel.

Finally brethren — Farewell, "May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen."

Signed on behalf of the Meeting Wm C. Newhall Clerk

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To Ireland.

Dear friends.

Among the Epistles from our Sister Yearly Meetings which we have read at this time was your warm loving Epistle of Fifth Month last. Although we are so far separated from each other, and most of us Strangers as to the outward, yet we feel that we are one in Christ Jesus our Holy Head, and this Yearly correspondence serves to strengthen and keep fresh this bond of Christian love.

We have had a large number of the Lord's devoted messengers among us at this time. These have come filled with the Holy Spirit, and the Blessed story of salvation through a once crucified but now risen and glorified Redeemer has been faithfully proclaimed. Not only has our God been held up to us as a God of love and Mercy, but also as a God of justice, Thus presenting both sides of the Gospel. This we feel is what is needed in our day when scepticism and unbelief are so prevalent and many we fear are trusting in something other than the precious blood of Jesus Christ for salvation. Oh, that our Heavenly Father would help all within the borders of our branch of the Church on both sides of the Atlantic to come to that fountain for cleansing.

As the result of this faithful preaching of the Gospel and the added blessing of our Heavenly Father Many souls have been fully sanctified and others converted to Christ Jesus.

For these blessings and the feeling of love and harmony which has pervaded our Meeting at this time we feel to praise our Heavenly Father and ascribe to Him all the glory.

Our Evangelistic Committee reports an increase of interest within our borders and through their labors the Church has been greatly blessed.

A large and interesting Temperance Meeting has been held during the sessions of this Meeting. We note in your Epistle the advance which you are making in this cause and unite in prayer with you for

a blessing upon the work in the future with you and us.

Our Committee on Foreign Missions, Peace, Bible Schools, Indians &c, all report increasing interest in their respective fields of labor.

We send you with this Epistle a warm message of Christian love and sympathy, and may the God of all grace, mercy and peace, be with you forever. Farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm C. Newhall
Clerk

To New York.

Dear friends.

Your very acceptable Epistle of the present year, with similar communications from all the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, has been read to our comfort and edification.

We feel that the annual greetings from beloved brethren of the different Yearly Meetings have a cementing influence to bind us together as in a bundle of love, and to confirm us in the belief, that one is our Master even Christ; and all we are brethren.

We have with us at this time many concerned Friends from outside our limits, whose services have been very acceptable and strengthening to us.

We are gratified with the fact that every Yearly Meeting on this continent has been represented in this Meeting.

We have been favored to transact the business of the Yearly Meeting in much harmony and love; the Reports from the Committees having in charge the various subjects which claim our attention have been very interesting to us, indicating as they do, progress in all these directions.

That of the Boarding School, brought upon the Meeting a very lively exercise, assuring us that the efforts put forth for a higher standard of education and culture are appreciated by our members, and we are pleased to notice that a similar exercise engaged the attention of your Meeting; may you as well as ourselves ever keep in mind the necessity of the proper culture and training of our young people, on whom the future

of our Society so largely depends.

The Mission work both at home and abroad which was entered upon in its incipiency, with serious doubts on the mind of many of our dear friends, has proved a great boon, as is evinced by its results, and the blessings it has brought to this Meeting. May the good work go on among us all, until the whole world shall be filled with the glory of God. and to his praise.

We realize that during the several sittings of this Yearly Meeting, the Master has been pleased to be with us in a wonderful manner, blessing us in many ways; and the desire and prayer of our hearts has been, "Not unto us, not unto us, Oh. Lord, but unto thy great and holy Name be all the praise.

With a salutation of love, we remain your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm C. Newhall
Clerk

To Baltimore.

Dear friends.

Your acceptable Epistle of 11th. Month last has been received and read to our edification and encouragement. We recognize this epistolary correspondence between the different Yearly Meetings from year to year, to be a source of strength to the brethren and instrumental in binding together in christian love and harmony, the different members of this branch of the Militant Church, one of the tests of discipleship being, "love of the brethren".

We have with us at this time the acceptable company of a large number of dedicated servants of the Lord, whose Ministry has often been "in demonstration of the Spirit and of power", and we confidently believe, their labors have not been in vain in the Lord.

The number of our members in attendance of this yearly Meeting, is perhaps

no larger than usual, but the social meetings held in the morning of each day, have been interesting and lively, and no doubt productive of much good, many having been made willing, publicly, to confess the Lord Jesus and tell others of the mercy and goodness which their souls have received.

In looking back over the past year, we are reminded of the loss we have sustained, by the removal of some of our members from "works to rewards", one of whom, our beloved friend Henry T. Wood, was prominent and active in all of the affairs of the Church, ready and willing to promote every good word and work, within its borders or without; he was a valuable member of the Associated Committee, having the care and oversight of the Indians and Indian question, consequently widely known in other Yearly Meetings, where he was beloved and appreciated by many, proving himself "to be a workman that needeth not to be ashamed". How true it is that the path of the just, is as a shining light which shineth more and more unto the perfect day".

Now and here the day is imperfect and often cloudy and stormy, but through storm and sunshine, the path leads on to glory, and "thanks be unto God, who giveth us the victory Through our Lord Jesus Christ" therefore beloved brethren, "be ye stead fast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch, as ye know, your labo is not in vain in the Lord".

The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence, made an interesting and satisfactory report, by which we learn that the character of the School is fully sustained, in its religious, moral literary instruction.

We are also interested with you in the promotion of education among Friends in North Carolina, though we have been able to accomplish much less than you have.

The terrible evil of Intemperance continues more and more to claim our attention, evidently requiring all the combined forces of morality and religion to check its progress.

And now bidding you an affectionate farewell and God speed in all those things pertaining to righteousness and the salvation of immortal souls, we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.
Wm C. Newhall
Clerk

To North Carolina.

Dear friends.

The various Epistles from the different Yearly Meetings with which we correspond have been read in our midst, and yours among the others was both interesting and encouraging. It has had a tendency to bind us to you in still stronger bonds of Christian love and to awaken in us a fresh desire, that praying for each other, and being baptized with the Holy Spirit; we may press on more earnestly and zealously than ever before, in the great and glorious work of winning souls to Christ.

We are favored at this time with quite a large number of Ministers from the other Yearly Meetings, and the different sessions have been seasons of Divine blessing and power.

Morning five O'clock Meetings have been held, where the power of the Lord has been most wonderfully felt; and much definite work has been done. Large numbers have received the blessing of entire sanctification, sinners have been brought to Christ, and backsliders reclaimed.

In regard to Temperance, we are much encouraged when we remember how rapidly public sentiment has been for the few past years, and is, still changing for the better, but notwithstanding the improvement we realize there is need yet for much work in the Church, and large fields for labor outside. We rejoice that you with us feel the need of much earnest work in this cause.

You doubtless feel, as do we, when looking forth upon the different branches of

Christian work — the causes of Peace, Temperance, Education, and the important work of the Church, that of leading souls to Christ, that "the fields are white to the harvest", but let us remember, He who leads us forth is omnipotent and, "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" Knowing as did the apostles of being "endued with power from on high," before going forth to the work, we must all acknowledge it the secret of the success of those whose labors are largely blessed of the Lord.

When this Epistle is read in your midst, may it be with you, a time of prayerful examination, as it has been with us, and may the searching questions come to each heart; "have I been baptized with the Holy Spirit? am I thus prepared to successfully work for the Master in the sphere in which I may be placed?

May we not be satisfied until this becomes our living experience.

With this Christian greeting we remain your brethren.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm C. Newhall
Clerk

To Ohio.

Dear friends.

Your very acceptable Epistle was read in our midst and we were much interested and refreshed thereby. We rejoice in your prosperity, feeling as we do, that the power of the Lord is manifestly with you.

The account of your Missions, Bible Schools, Educational and Temperance work, was very interesting and encouraging to us. We also have cause for rejoicing, in that which the Lord has been doing amongst us through the instrumentality of His consecrated children.

The Temperance cause has received the help of our Captain, we mean to go on in this work, till Prohibition has become a law, that will be enforced. We pray for the success of the cause with you. Our interests are identical. We have one common enemy who as "a roaring lion, walking about seeking whom he may devour" who though powerful,

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is not able to withstand our God, who is mighty, to the pulling down of the strongholds of Satan, and is enabling us to obtain the victory, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have been made to realize that it is a blessed privilege to gather, in our corporate capacity of a Yearly Meeting, and we feel that the occasion is one in which the Lord, is graciously calling and bringing lost souls into His kingdom sanctifying believers, pouring out His Holy Spirit upon His people. Condescending to be with His ambassadors and enabling them to hand forth of the word of life; declaring the whole truth, warning sinners to "flee from the wrath to come," "and to obtain mercy through Christ, with whom there is forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace."

We have been earnestly plead with, to become consecrated children of the Lord, "that his word might have free course amongst us, and be glorified." That the work of grace might be a definite experience.

We feel the importance of this work amongst us, and bless the Lord, that He has not forgotten to be gracious, that He does remember our needs, and supplies them, when we come with a full assurance of faith and confide in Him. We realize our need of abiding in the vine, and taking our life from it, before we can successfully do the work of the Lord, and there is an earnest desire with us, that we may be endued with power from on high, that by a continuance in the faith, we "may be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

The faithful maintenance of our testimonies, with regard to peace, oaths lotteries and the crying sins of the day, has been a matter of concern with us, and we hope to see our influence more felt, and the truth concerning these more publicly declared.

Conscious of our deficiencies, and that we are indeed unprofitable servants,

we feel the need of keeping near to the Lord, "that the world might be crucified unto us, and we unto the world."

In the hope that all may be encouraged to wait upon and trust in the Lord, we now bid you God speed in His service, trusting, that we shall together sing the praises of the Lord. Redeemed children, washed in the blood of the Lamb.

In all love, we are your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Indiana.

Dear friends.

Gathered under a sense of the immediate presence of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Head of our assembly, it has been blessed for us to realize the oneness of the brethren in Him.

The presence of ambassadors from within the limits of all the Yearly Meetings on this continent together with the Epistles received, which are full of loving counsel and encouragement, remind us that we have one common Lord and our purpose of bringing souls to Him.

Our souls have been baptized renewedly into this work as paramount to every earthly consideration, and as we have been called afresh, to consecrate ourselves, we rejoice that many of our young people are enlisting in this service, becoming "Examples of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith and in purity."

Dearly beloved, may we all yield ourselves entirely to the influence of the blessed Holy Spirit of God that He may possess us and work through us by His wonder working power to the saving of souls.

Many reports have come to us at this time of the precious seasons of refreshing experienced in the Mid-week Meetings though few may have been in attendance, and we are exhorted to persevere against all obstacles in attending

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these, assured that we shall be richly rewarded both in our own growth in grace, and in the building up of the Church.

While we are brought under a cloud in considering that our numbers are diminished we are encouraged by the cheering reports of your increase, to persevere in our work, praying that God will also grant us a growth to the end that His name be praised and our Redeemer Magnified.

Interesting reports from the Committees on Temperance, Peace, Bible Schools, Education and Foreign Missions have been read, giving evidence that an increased effort in all these directions has been put forth and in many cases signally blessed by our Heavenly Father.

In special Meetings on these subjects the deep interest of both old and young has been noticable.

Under a solemn consideration that as we are fully consecrated and determined to know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified God will work through us in such fields of labor as He may direct both to will and to do of His own good pleasure.

Our prayer for ourselves and our brethren in Christ everywhere has been that we may be filled with all the fullness of Christ.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Wm C. Newhall
Clerk.

To Western.

Dear friends.

Gathered in our annual assembly our hearts warmed by the genial influences of the Gospel and a desire for the welfare of our dear friends of other Yearly Meetings

we are prompted to send you the greeting of love and Christian fellowship, and to desire for you as for ourselves, that we may so live in the power of God, and the unity of the spirit that we may do all his will, "watching thereunto with all perseverance" and come to the experience of the Psalmist when he says "I delight to do thy will, O my God, yea thy law is written in my heart.

We would acknowledge that we have had the blessed presence of our Divine Master, through the several sessions of this Meeting filling our hearts with joy and gladness, and an earnest desire to be found doing the work assigned us, in the fear of the Lord, and not in the will of man, so that our cords may be lengthened and our stakes strengthened, and that we at last may receive the welcome plaudit "come ye blessed of my Father".

We have had in review our past years labors, which have afforded us satisfaction so far as they have reached, and given us the desire to see them still farther extended. The cause of Temperance has been brought before us in a manner to stimulate us to greater exertions to not only clear ourselves from the use of all intoxicants, but also to endeavor to save others from their evil effects, and to see that our children, and those of others who come under our influence shall be taught the evil effects, of alcoholic drinks upon all who partake of them.

Our work in the various Mission fields has opened before us, with desires that the Good Master may so prosper us for the service which He has so evidently set before us, that it may be done to the honor of His great name.

From the comparatively small amount of labor performed the last year and the much there is to be done, we are reminded of the feebleness of our efforts and induced to pray mightily for help for time to come. The fields are indeed white unto the harvest.

We have the company of a goodly number of earnest faithful messengers from other Yearly Meeting

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whose labors amongst us have been blessed of our dear Heavenly Shepherd.

May grace, mercy and peace abound with you. In the love of the Gospel of Christ we bid you farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm C. Newhall
Clerk

To Iowa.

Dear friends.

We are again assembled to transact the important matters which claim the consideration of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, and to unite in the worship of Him who is Lord over all blessed forever.

Our Meeting though smaller than it has sometimes been, is characterized by a degree of earnestness and spirituality which is very encouraging. Many who came to the feast hungry and thirsty will depart satisfied, having received by faith the bread of life and been refreshed by the living water.

We have with us a large number of the Lord's devoted servants whose faithful words of warning, reproof, instruction and encouragement have been very helpful to us. "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation, that saith unto Zion. Thy God reigneth".

We received your very satisfactory Epistle of Ninth Month last, and are pleased to note the various phases of Church work in which you are engaged; but our hearts are especially made to rejoice in the newly awakened Missionary zeal among your members.

May the Lord bless you abundantly in this line of service and many souls be

gathered through your efforts into His kingdom.

We have received kind greetings also from all the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond. These with yours all unite in exalting the Lord Jesus Christ, as head of the Church and testify to the priesthood of believers. The prophet in speaking of the Lord's people said "and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name" and Christ speaking of His disciples said "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth; but I have called you friends".

The Reports of our Committees on General Meetings and other Gospel work, on Temperance, Peace, Home and Foreign Missions, Bible Schools, Education and others, are very gratifying and encouraging. While we realise that we are far behind what we should be in feeling and manifesting a practical interest in these important concerns of the Church, yet the Yearly increase of interest noted, is cause of heartfelt thanksgiving.

With loving desires for your welfare and sincere prayers for your spiritual growth, we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Wm C. Newhall
Clerk

To Canada.

Dear friends.

The reading at this time of Epistles of fraternal greeting from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, has brought sweetly to our remembrance the words of Jesus, "One is your Master even Christ and all ye are brethren". And as these come to us breathing the loving spirit of the Master and blessing to the Church, we say "let brotherly love continue" and this manifestation of it be perpetuated.

The closer our union with Christ the sweeter becomes Christian fellowship and dearer the communion of His saints.

We are glad to notice that from all the Yearly Meetings comes the cheering news of increased agitation of the Temperance question, and as indulgence in the use of Alcoholic drinks is so ruinous to the bodies and souls of men, and to so large an extent; retards the work of the Church, it surely demands our united effort; and we are thankful it is receiving it.

The important subjects of Home and Foreign Missions, Peace and of Bible Schools have received our attention and though much has been done and some fruit appeared, yet we long for larger results, for we find that the seeds of evil are abundant and of luxuriant growth in every neglected corner; while the good seed needs to be guarded and watered with watchful tender care, yet we are assured that "we shall reap if we faint not."

The Lord has manifested his loving remembrance of us at this time by sending a large number of his faithful laborers amongst us, whose work has been richly blessed in the salvation of sinners and sanctification of believers, for which, with many other evidences of his paternal care, we are truly thankful.

Your loving Epistle telling of your various interests and your success in the great harvest field, has been very encouraging to us. And as we are a part of the same family of God, we are sharers with you in the joys of the harvest. And look forward to the brighter joys and glorious rest of the harvest-home, when we who are on earth have never met; shall each from his own field, have carried home his sheaves, then we will join in a holier greeting and in the glorious song of, "Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever". Amen. With the salutation of love we are your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm C. Newhall
Clerk

To Kansas.

Dear friends.

We are again glad to send you our annual expression of interest and fellowship. Our Yearly Meeting as an organization, dates its origin back about two hundred years.

The Lord has not failed in these many years to bring together annually, men with heart warm with the love of Christ, who have conferred together as to the best means for promoting the cause of truth.

We rejoice that a legacy of responsibility has been left to us by the generations which have gone before. But organization is not synonymous with salvation. Our Heavenly Father has made us individually responsible to Him for our spiritual life.

We are endeavoring at this time to be helpful one to another in bringing about a definite consecration and sense of individual responsibility as the accepted children of God. And we gratefully acknowledge the blessing we have received by the faithfulness of the Lord's servants whose company at this time has been so acceptable to us.

So the oldest of the American Yearly Meetings, desires to encourage the youngest in the same blessed work of bringing as many as possible to say in all sincerity "I give myself wholly to the Lord," and thus building on Jesus Christ the chief corner stone "may we all as lively stones be builded together for a habitation of God through the spirit."

The cause of Total-abstinence from all intoxicating liquors has engaged our attention, and our members have been earnestly urged to exert themselves to educate the children to this high standard.

Before this shall have reached you our State of Maine will have voted on the great question of constitutional prohibition.

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We pray that our Lord may prosper this movement, not only there but all over our land.

Our Mission work in Syria is increasing on our hands, and engages our prayerful interest. The building of real christian character amongst that people seems to be well begun.

Gospel work and Bible teaching are engaging the minds of a large and increasing number of our members; all have been characterized by earnestness and love.

An earnest desire prevails amongst us to find out the best methods of extending the reign of Christ in the hearts of men, and of elevating the standard of truth and holiness in the earth. We ask your prayers that our efforts may be crowned with success to the glory of God.

We send you our love with the prayer that we with you may ever know individually the "One Lord, one Faith and one Baptism", and so grow in spiritual life and be used in whatever field the Lord may place us, so as to honor Him and faithfully serve our age and generation.

May the Lord bless you in every good word and work is the earnest desire of your brethren in Christ.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm C. Newhall
Clerk

To Brumana Monthly Meeting.

Dear friends.

In the love of Christ we salute the Church upon Mount Lebanon, earnestly desiring for you, as the Apostle did for his beloved fellow believers at Philippi that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all discernment that you may approve the things that are excellent that you may be sincere and without offence unto the day of Christ; that ye may do all

without murmurings and disputings; that you may be blameless and harmless, children of God without blemish, in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.

We know, as you doubtless realize, that in order to thus serve the Lord, there is constant need of grace from Him. Severed from Him we can do nothing; but, praises be to His holy name, if we are entirely given up to Him, and He is filling our hearts by His love and power, we like the Apostle, "can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth us." Let us also heed the injunction, to "hold fast the word of life". Many of us feel that we have little or no ability to speak for Jesus, but we, who have received the Gospel, have been "put in charge" of it, as well as more gifted workers, and will also be held responsible.

We should be encouraged to use the opportunities the Lord may give us to speak for Him, and to live for Him, so that our daily lives may witness of His grace and power to save. So may you with us be "fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might according to His glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness"; and may the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ be spread widely upon the mountain slopes, bringing peace, and joy, and rest, to troubled and weary souls.

While many of us have been long deeply interested in Missionary work at Brumana and elsewhere, there has been a desire felt that the interest might reach to every one of our Meetings, that each member might have a part in this great work.

A Women's Foreign Missionary Society has been formed, which we hope will aid in extending the knowledge of the Gospel, and will be also a blessing to those who engage in it.

We have rejoiced to hear of your welfare and of the blessing of the Lord upon Mount Lebanon.

We trust He may continue to bless what is done for His service, and to His loving care, and to His Almighty power, we commend you.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction of the Meeting

William D. Newhall } Clerks

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Minutes 1885

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland, Me., commencing on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 12, 1885.

2. By the Reports received from our Several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, Viz:-

From Rhode Island - Thomas B. Buffum, Joseph E. Macomber, Joseph S. Anthony, Benjamin F. Knowles, Anthony M. Kimber, William H. Perry, Henry C. Aydelott, Augustine Jones, Charles A. Chace, Charles D. Kenyon, Samuel R. Buffinton, Robert P. Gifford and James R. Collins.

From Salem - Robert L. Brown, Owen Dame, Joseph Cartland, William O. Newhall, Olney T. Meader, Joshua Buxton, Daniel C. Maxfield, Charles H. Jones, Charles E. Pearley, Peter M. Neal, John F. Chase and Thomas Folsom.

From Sandwich - George Howland, Jr., Joshua L. Macomber, Thomas F. Hafford, Stephen R. Wing, David Kelley, William Thompson, Edward G. Dillingham and Gideon Gifford.

From Falmouth - Reuben T. Jones, Augustus F. Cox, John J. Frye, Augustus C. Jones, Nathan Pope, George Douglas, Elijah Cook, Silas H. Cartland, Sumner G. Williams, Freeman Andrew, Charles W. Webber and Henry F. Newell.

From Smithfield - Richard Battey, Paul A. Randall, Thomas Grover, William Aldrich, Herbert O. Aldrich and Isaac Steere.

From Vassalboro - Alfred H. Jones, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Josiah Philbrook, Hartwell A. Jenkins, Jedediah J. Varney, Frank E. Jones, Ebenezer Frye, William A. Jones and Caleb Jones.

From Dover - William P. Jenkins, Albert C. Buffum, Asa C. Tuttle, George Estes, Russell Hoag and William P. Tuttle.

From Fairfield - Charles M. Jones, Nathaniel Hawkes, George Richardson, Moses Briggs, Henry Winslow, Levi Jones and Isaac Winslow, whose names being called, they were all present except ten, for the absence of four of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

3. We have at this time the acceptable company of our friends Stephen Taber and Cornelius D. Barnes from New York Yearly Meeting; John and Sarah W. Newlin from Baltimore Yearly Meeting; Jeremiah S. Cox and Levi Cox from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Seth C and Huldah A

Rees, Caroline E. Talbot and Phebe Hoyle, from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Ann Gause and Susan Ratliff, from Indiana Yearly Meeting; Addison White and Evi Shaplers, from Iowa Yearly Meeting; Catherine Hoag from Canada Yearly Meeting; and Frank Modve, from Kansas Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements amongst us.

4. We have also the acceptable company of Mary Ann Potter, an Elder, and companion to Caroline E. Talbot; Ann Hobson an Elder, and companion to Phebe Hoyle; Elisa H. White companion to her husband Addison White; and Elisa J. Lindley and Abby G. Mendenhall, Elders from Minneapolis, Minesota, all of whom have presented credentials of unity from their friends at home.

5. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Yearly Meeting from other Yearly Meetings with returning Minutes, if way showed open for it, is referred to the following named Friends, viz:- Charles C. Varney, George Howland, Jr., Olney T. Meader and Owen Dame.

6. Epistles have been received at this time from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond; also one from Brumana Monthly Meeting, Mount Lebanon. Those from London, Ireland, Baltimore and North Carolina have been read at this time. The reading of the others is deferred to a future sitting, and we appoint our friends Owen Dame, Charles M. Jones, George Douglas, Darius Buffinton, William Thompson, N. Hervey Wilbur and Richard Battey to nominate a Committee on Correspondence and report at our next sitting.

7. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid, or directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their proportions of stock called for last year.

8. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz:-

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that Cynthia Bowen, a Minister, and Member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting,

died 10th Mo 13th, 1884, aged 69 years. William Sherman, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died 2nd Mo 16th 1885, aged 83 years 2 months and 11 days. That it has united with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in changing the place of holding that Monthly Meeting from Westerly in the 1st, 2nd, 3d and 12th Months to Hopkinton; and that one Friend has been added as a Member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Anna W. Paige to the station of Elder. Mercy S. Davis, a Minister and member of Amesbury Monthly Meeting, died 6th Mo 12th 1884, aged 61 years, 2 months and 6 days. Josiah D. Challis an Elder, and Member of the same Monthly Meeting, died 2nd Month 22nd 1885, aged 82 years, 2 mos and 3 days. That their Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight as revised is now composed of 27 members, besides Ministers and Elders: and that the time of holding Boston Monthly Meeting in the 6th Month has been changed to Fourth-day previous to the first Fifth-day in the Month.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Arnold S. Tripp, Susan S. Tripp and Azuba Cannon, to the station of Elder. Ruth H. Baker, a Minister, and Member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, died 5th Mo 25th 1884, aged 85 years and 10 months. Mellish Gifford, an Elder and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died 9th Mo 17th 1884, aged 41 years, 2 months and 11 days. Matthew Howland, an Elder, and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, died 9th Mo 29th 1884, aged 70 years, one month and 17 days.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Augustus Cox and S. Jane Cox to the station of Elder, and with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Sumner S. Williams and Charles F. Andrews. Stillman Estes, an Elder, and member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting, died 4th Mo 28th, 1885, aged 72 years, 4 mos and 15 days: also that 10 Friends have been appointed as Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that Ruth M. Batley an Elder, and Member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, died 12th Mo 4th, 1884, aged 82 years, 10 mos and 28 days.

Dorcas Daniels, an Elder, and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, died 6th Mo 10th, 1884, aged 69 years, 10 mos and 17 days. Jonathan F. Southwick, an Elder, and Member of the same Monthly Meeting, died 4th Mo 12th 1885, aged 85 years, 8 months and 2 days; and that they have appointed 10 Friends as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has added 2 Friends as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Emeline H. Tuttle; and that they have added 2 Friends as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Asa C. Tuttle, a Minister, has been received into Dover Monthly Meeting, by Certificate from Kansas Yearly Meeting; and that Hepsyba H. Hoag, a Minister, and Member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, has removed into the limits of Kansas Yearly Meeting. Enoch Hoag, a Minister, and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, died 6th Mo 26th 1884, aged 73 years. Lucinda Pinkham, a Minister, and member of Berwick Monthly Meeting, died 7th Mo 14th 1884, aged 64 years, 1 month and 27 days. Jesse Roberts, an Elder, and Member of Dover Monthly Meeting, died 7th Mo 27th, 1884, aged 82 years, 2 months and 4 days; and Hannah G. Sawyer, a Minister, and Member of the same Monthly Meeting, died 3d Month 4th, 1885, aged 80 years, 9 months and 17 days.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Obed Allen, Asa Shepherd and Sarah E. Shepherd to the station of Elder; and that they have revised their list of Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and appointed 19 Friends as members of that Meeting.

Adjourned to Meet in joint session at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon — Met pursuant to adjournment.

9 The Clerk informed the Meeting that we had with us a delegate from the general Conference of the Congregational Churches of Maine, presenting suitable credentials, which were read. Henry C. Westwood, the delegate, then in an earnest address stated that he brought the greeting of the 20 thousand Congregationalists in Maine to their brothers and sisters

of the Society of Friends. It was a pleasant duty to him as the most precious of his Early reminiscences were connected with the Friends and the old Meeting-house to which he was led by his Mother. He could remember one sermon, which he heard when very young, on the words, "Master where dwellest thou?" "Come and see". Since that time, he has been favored to come and see where the Master dwelt, and found Him to be an all-sufficient Savior. His perfect sacrifice avails for all who will accept Him. His precious blood cleanseth from all sin, and, united in Him, all evangelical Christians naturally draw together as one is their Master, their Hope, their All. He informed the Meeting that a Conference was to be held at Lewiston Next week, to which he was commissioned to invite Friends to send delegates.

The remarks of our Brother met with a loving response in our hearts, and fervent prayers were offered for the Members of his Church, as of our own, That, united in Christ, we may be earnest in His service in our respective fields of labor. The Meeting united in accepting the invitation to send delegates to the approaching Conference at Lewiston and Obadiah Chace George Howland, Jr., Rebecca H. Smiley and Hannah J. Bailey were appointed a Committee to present at a future sitting the names of 2 Friends for that service.

About 4.30.— The Meeting again assembled in separate session.

10. George Howland, Jr., on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William O. Newhall for Clerk, and Timothy B. Hussey and Daniel C. Maxfield for Assistant Clerks, which Nomination being severally approved, they are accordingly appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

11. The reading of the remaining Epistles was now resumed and concluded.

12. We appoint Henry Winslow, Oliver Meader, Caleb Jones, Isaac Steere, Charles W. Goddard, David Kelley John F. Chase and Robert P. Gifford, a Committee to prepare a Summary of the Answers to the Queries, and

present it- at our next sitting.

13. We appoint Charles A. Chace, Owen Dame, Edward G. Dillingham, John J. Frye, Paul A. Randall, Josiah Philbrook, Jacob K. Purinton and Levi Jones, a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of Money to be raised, sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer, also one for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds.

14. Rhode Island and Falmouth Quarterly Meetings in their accounts, request this Meeting to define the discipline in relation to Membership in the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; we conclude to appoint a Committee to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends to whom the subject is referred, and they are directed to report at a future sitting, viz:- Timothy B. Hussey, John B. Cartland, J. Warren Hawkes, George Richardson, Alfred H. Jones, Eli Jones, William Aldrich, Richard Battey, George Howland, Jr., William Thompson, William O. Newhall, Owen Dame, Augustine Jones, Benjamin F. Knowles, Ezra Hawkes and George Douglas.

15. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting in its account calls "the attention of the Yearly Meeting to the fact that in the Report now scheduled a number of those reported are nominal Members, and would ask for advice in regard to the Maintenance of the Names of such upon our lists," which this Meeting concludes to refer to the Committee previously appointed in reference to the requests from Rhode Island and Falmouth Quarterly Meetings.

16. Dover Quarterly Meeting requests that the time of holding that Meeting, now held in the Fourth Month, be changed to the Seventh-day following the third Fifth-day in the Fifth Month, which this Meeting concludes to grant, and the change is accordingly made, Women Friends concurring, and the Clerk is directed to give that Meeting the necessary information.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

Seventh-day morning, the 13th.

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The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

17. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence presented their Annual Report Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee in charge of the Boarding School present their 66th Annual Report.

Although from a combination of circumstances the whole number of scholars in attendance, especially in the latter part of the year, has been less than in some previous years, and of them a greater proportion than usual has been of the younger class yet we feel that the character of the School, has been maintained, and that good progress has been made.

An earnest religious feeling continues to be manifested in the boys and girls prayer Meetings. In the former, a very satisfactory change is evidenced both by the testimony of the lip and of the life.

The health of the School has been remarkably good throughout the year. The average number of boarding pupils for the year has been 88 boys and 85 girls.

The following report from the Auditors presents the financial statement for the year ending 6th Mo 24th 1884.

Providence 8th Mo 27th 1884

To the N. E. Y. M. Boarding School Committee — The Auditors report the following as the result of the operations of the past year.

Receipts

From the Elizabeth Fry Fund	1. 500. 00
" " Philip J. Taipp "	89. 15
" board and tuition of all other scholars	38. 822. 75
" study of languages Etc	3, 564. 47
" the Treasurer of the School Fund	5, 853. 84
	$ 49. 830. 41

Expenses

Salaries —	$20.832.83.	Wages $5.98224 —		26.815.12
Provisions	12,323.12	City Tax 2665.10 —		14.988.22
Repairs	2,420.57	Fuel 1.922.24 —		4,342,81
Light-	1189.78	Water 393.74 —		1,583,52
Balance of Laundry				338,28
Other permanent improvements				284.89
Papers and periodicals				58,30
Library				115,63
Carpentering department-				116,34
Interest				24,42
Incidentals				963.03
Net-profit-to the School				199.85
				$49,830,41

The total deficiency of the School is now $1349.72, against 1549.57 a year ago.

John F. Tucker
James O. Inman
Samuel R. Buffinton } Auditors
James H. Chace

The officers of government and instruction have been
Augustine Jones, A.M. Principal and Political Science.
Walter S. Meader, A.M. Governor and English Studies.
Susan S. Moore, Governess and " "
Berrie I. Wing, History and Literature.
Thomas J. Battey, A.B. Natural Science.
J. Myron Potter A.M. Higher Mathematics.
Mary E. Rawson Vocal and instrumental Music
Sophia L. Pitman Drawing and Painting
Benjamin W. Wells. Ph.D. Modern Languages.
Albert A. Stanley, Instrumental Music
Wilmot R. Jones, A.B. Mental & Moral Science & English.
Jean E. Guilbert, French.
Charles G. Farwell, A.M. Greek and Latin
Mary E. Wing, English Studies
Allen W. Weeks, Mechanic Arts
Lucy R. Weaver M.D. Physiology
George A. Barton A.B. Secretary and Book-Keeper
S. Helen Sutton, Librarian.
Mary P. Helme. Assistant in Drawing and Painting
Alice M. Jones. English Studies

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At a Meeting of the Committee in Eighth Month the follow
Minute was made:— "The question of admitting day Scholar
to the School having been introduced, the subject was free
discussed, and resulted in authorising the Principal to
admit such students as, in his discretion, he may
judge suitable".

During the year 14 boys and 9 girls have been ad-
mitted as day Scholars, and as far as we have learned,
the privilege has been appreciated, with good results to
those who have been admitted and to the School.

By reference to the new catalogue, it will be seen
that a change of the time of opening the School in 9th
Month, from the first Fourth-day to the second Fourth-day
in the Month has been established by direction of the
Committee.

In Second Month the Committee on sale of land reported
that they had made sale of a house and lot of land to
the occupant for whom it was built, at a satisfactory price;
the Committee was directed to place the net proceeds of
the sale in the hands of the Treasurer of the School
Fund, to be held by him, subject to the order of the
Building Committee, which Committee is authorized
to build additional houses, whenever in their discretion
it is expedient to do so.

In 8th Month we were informed by our Principal
that he had received from an esteemed friend of
the School the sum of $500 with which to secure a bust
of Elizabeth Fry, of the same quality as that of John Bright,
and that further sums would come later to complete
the work.

At our Meeting 3d Mo 3d we were further informed, that
a pedestal of beautiful Tennessee Marble, upon which to
place the bust, had already arrived. It was confidently
Expected that the whole would have been complete by this
time, the pedestal and bust occupying the corner of
Alumni Hall opposite that of John Bright; but although
as we understand, finished, the bust has been detained
in London, and is not expected to reach us until
some time in 8th Month next. By the time of the op-
ening of the School in 9th Month it will undoubtedly
be arranged, and the unveiling be an occasion of
much interest to all concerned.

In fulfilment of the intimation in last years report, the School has, by a munificent gift from an honored member of the Committee, been made the recipient of an almost full length portrait of our beloved friend John G. Whittier; at our meeting in the 11th Month the following minute, relating thereto, was entered upon our minutes

"The great historic event referred to in the communication from the Principal, that of placing in Alumni Hall, by Charles F. Coffin, an almost full length portrait of John G. Whittier, was one of much interest and gratification, as was evinced by the large gathering convened in the Hall in the forenoon of the day of its presentation (10 Mo 24th) to listen to the fitting and eloquent address of Thomas Chase L.L.D. President of Haverford College, and again in the afternoon to hear the address of Augustine Jones A.M. Principal of the School, on its reception, and also to the remarks of many of the friends of the Poet, and of the School; and further, to hear read many letters from friends who were unable to attend.

We cordially tender to our friend and associate Charles F. Coffin, our high appreciation of, and sincere thanks for, his rich gift to the School of this admirable portrait of our universally beloved and honored friend".

It hangs in Alumni Hall, between the busts of John Bright and Elizabeth Fry (as proposed) where, in the words of a distinguished son of Massachusetts (in grateful acknowledgement of the kind invitation to be present, but regretting his inability to meet with the other invited guests on the interesting occasion) "it will have a companionship as enviable as it will be appropriate. Eloquence, Poetry and Philanthropy will form an inspiring group for your scholars to have before their eyes and may lead them to emulate what they admire".

We propose that the rates for admission to the School the coming year be the same as for the last year, Viz:— For members of our Yearly Meeting $150.00

" " " other " Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting $250.00

For all others who may be admitted $300.00

One half payable at the commencement of the year, and one half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge to be made,

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for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French or German, ten dollars; for one year's instruction in Pencil drawing, fifteen dollars; for one year's instruction in Mechanical and Crayon drawing and painting, thirty dollars.

With hearts overflowing with gratitude to our Father in Heaven for the many mercies vouchsafed, we again commend the Institution, with all its interests, to His paternal regard, and to your fostering care.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee.

George Howland, Jr.,
Clerk

Boarding School, Providence R.I. 6th Mo 2nd 1885

Note— The Autumn Term begins 9th Mo 9th 1885, and closes 2nd Mo 3d 1886. The Spring Term begins 2d Mo 3d 1886 and closes 6th Mo 29th 1886.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, on the 4th of 8th Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal, Address, Augustine Jones, Friends' Boarding School, Providence R.I.

This report was accepted by the Meeting, and satisfaction expressed with it. We hope that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon the officers and others connected with the Institution and that it may prove in future years, as in the past, a means of increasing the weight and educational power of the Society of Friends. We appoint our Friends I. Warren Hawkes, Mary G. Winslow, Anna M. Hussey, Jacob K. Purinton, Caleb Jones, Hannah T. Jenkins, Isaac Steere, Susan Ann Gifford, Charles W. Webber, Miriam C. Webber, William P. Macomber, Susan T. Thompson, William C. Newhall, Mary Alice Brown, Joseph E. Macomber and Mary Alice Gifford a Committee

to produce, at a future sitting, the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to have charge of the School the ensuing year.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 4 o'clock this afternoon.
Afternoon — The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

18. The Committee appointed to nominate delegates to the approaching Conference of Congregational Churches in Maine reported the names of Charles H. Jones and Phebe S. Aydelott for that service, which are approved by the Meeting.

19. The Committee on Education have presented their Annual Report, as follows, Viz: —

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to whom was intrusted this important concern of the Church present the following Report:

We have attended to our appointment; but our work has been mostly of a private nature, no suitable opportunity for a public conference having been presented during the past year.

We believe that a growing sentiment in favor of a liberal education exists among us as a Society. While we recognise this fact with gladness, it is cause of regret that so many of our members look upon education as an end, rather than as a means to an end. Education of itself, without moral and religious principle to control it, may be a curse instead of a blessing to its possessor and to the world. Hence the importance of early impressing upon our children the value of an education, not for itself alone, still less that they thereby may more easily obtain a respectable living, but as a means of enabling them more perfectly to accomplish the grand design of the Creator — to glorify Him in body and spirit which are His.

It is important, also, that parents in placing their children in Schools, should make every effort

even though it involve extra sacrifice and expense to place them where this same truth shall be made prominent, and, when practicable, where such influences surround them, as shall be helpful to them in obtaining a correct knowledge and understanding of our distinctive principles and doctrines.

We wish to encourage our members, who as Prudential or Superintending School Committees, have authority or influence in the employment of teachers, to employ if possible only such as give evidence of a positive religious experience, and in Schools attended by Friends children, to provide converted members of our own Society.

Perhaps no other Church organization in proportion to its numbers, has so many of its members engaged in teaching, as our own. Most of these teachers are very successful, and enjoy the fullest confidence of the communities where they are located.

This is very gratifying, but we feel that we have not sufficiently realized the opportunities thus afforded us, of making ourselves felt for good, to this and succeeding generations. We invite the attention of our teachers to this subject, encouraging them to faithfulness in sowing the seed of the Kingdom in the hearts of the young.

In these days of lawlessness and manifest chafing under wholesome restraint, we are reminded of the old Prussian maxim, "Whatsoever you would have appear in a nations life, must be put into that Nations Schools". Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." It is through the preaching of the Gospel by the Church, that the world is to be lifted into a higher and purer atmosphere. We believe there is no way that this preaching can be made more effective than through Christian teachers in our Schools.

Many of the Histories and Readers now in use present war in an attractive form. Members of our Society thus have an opportunity which we hope they will ever be ready to embrace.

Both of our Yearly Meeting Schools seem to be in a prosperous condition for which we are truly thankful. As reports from each will

be presented by their respective Committees, it seems unnecessary for us to enlarge here. We trust the Yearly Meeting will continue its interest in education, and we would propose that an appropriation of One Hundred Dollars be made to enable a future Committee to hold some public Meetings or conferences upon the subject, if in their judgment it should be deemed advisable.

On behalf of the Committee

Charles H. Jones
Augustine Jones
Eli Jones
Anna Fry Hall
R. H. Nichols

The report is accepted by the Meeting, and the same Committee continued for service another year. The Committee are viz:- Augustine Jones, Caroline Jones of Deering, Me. Anna F. Hall, Charles H. Jones, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Eli Jones, Myra E. Frye, John Ellwood Paige, Phebe W. Sawtelle, Ruth S. Murray and Gertrude W. Cartland.

20. Our friend Eli Jones, brought before the Meeting a proposition for the formation of a Yearly Meeting Library. We conclude to refer the subject to the Committee on Education, to which the names of Ruth S. Murray and Gertrude W. Cartland are added.

21. The Report of the Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel service was now presented and read, as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The responsible charge entrusted to our care one year ago, we now surrender to the Yearly Meeting, and as far as possible, will give a report of what has been accomplished in the thirteenth year of this branch of service. The history of the inner spiritual life of the Church can never be fully made known, involving as it does such responsibilities of grace; on one hand heart yearnings, the unfolding of a new life in Christ Jesus, and entering into an experience of perfect love; on the other hand resisting the Spirit and closing the heart to the gentle influences of the Gospel. Those who have felt the Divine touch which has brought healing

to their souls and are now rejoicing in a state of acceptance with our Father, must be witnesses to the value of the work which has been done, and also to the fact that the Lord is still willing to bless His people by means of humble instrumentalities.

In selecting and collating facts and figures from the letters and reports received during the year from the different laborers in the field of Gospel service we can but exclaim, "Thou hast not withholden the request of our lips." "Who can utter the Mighty acts of the Lord: who can show forth all His praise"

We compile the following from the Reports of District Superintendents,

First District. — Charles M. Jones, Superintendent reports: Number of Meetings for worship in the district 16, number of Meetings visited 6: series of Meetings 6. held at Brooks, Fairfield, Sidney, China, Winthrop and Readfield; number of Meetings composing the series, 169: Bible readings, 2: number of families visited, 95: professed conversions, 96: professed renewals, 30; other Meetings visited without continuous service, 10.

At Brooks, Maine, such interest was awakened that the members are building a new Meeting-house and the Meeting is being built up in numbers and in the truth. At Readfield, the outlook at the beginning of the year was very discouraging; the whole place appeared to be spiritually dead. Meetings were held for several weeks by some members of the Committee, assisted a part of the time by a Minister from another Yearly Meeting, and the result has been over 50 conversions, 4 of whom had reached advanced age, 20 backsliders were reclaimed, and 30 have made application for Membership. A regular Meeting for worship has been established, and the work bids fair to broaden and deepen.

At Oak Grove Seminary, which is under the direct care of one of this Committee, the work of the Lord has prospered in a signal manner, which will appear more in detail in the report of that School. There has been quite an amount of work done that does not appear in the Report, but I trust is bearing fruit. I know God is speaking in the Eastern district, and may the work spread all over the Yearly Meeting.

Second District.— Timothy B. Hussey, Superintendent; reports; Number of Meetings for worship in the district, 15; Number of Meetings visited, 5; Series of meetings, 1; held at North Sandwich, N. H. Meetings composing the series, 31; Bible readings, 8; families visited, 42; professed conversions, 13; other Meetings held without continuous service 18. I feel that we have done so little in this district that we ought most truly to be reckoned in this particular as unprofitable servants. It has seemed almost among the impossibilities to obtain much help outside of our own feeble efforts, yet in some meetings there is much to encourage us and the power of the Lord has been felt in a marked manner.

Third District.— William Jacob, Superintendent; reports; number of Meetings for worship in the district, 20; Meetings visited, 17; number of series of meetings, 5; held at Pittsfield and Henniker in New Hampshire, Lynn and Bolton in Massachusetts, and Woonsocket R.I; Meetings composing the series, 93; Bible readings, 7; families visited, 105; professed conversions, 4; other Meetings held without continuous service, 66. A hopeful field of labor seems to be opening at Lawrence, Mass. where a meeting has been established and regularly held for some months past as the result of the faithfulness of one Friend. The Meeting now numbers about 12 or 14 members, the attendance on First-days is from 40 to 60, and the future will reveal a Preparative Meeting there if they are encouraged and continue steadfast. One of the Committee spent some time in active service among them.

I regret that more work is not apparent in the Repat of this district, but still much has been accomplished which will only be revealed "when He cometh to make up His jewels".

Fourth District.— Henry C. Aydelott, Superintendent; reports; Number of Meetings for Worship in the district, 24; Meetings visited, 14; Series of Meetings, 7; held at East Greenwich and Newport in R.I. Long Plain, Swansea, 2, and Allens Neck, 2, in Massachusetts; Meetings composing the series, 75; Bible Readings 7; Childrens Meetings, 1; families visited, 178; professed conversions, 14; professed renewals, 28; other meetings held without continuous service, 25. The phase of Gospel service in this section of New England, presents encouraging features in extended opportunities for labor, the demand reaching beyond our resources. Our failures have

deepened the conviction that we are but learners. Each step has shown the secret of power to rest in the Holy Ghost, conferred only as we dwell humbly at the feet of Jesus.

The results of the past year, more marked and definite as they have been, serve to confirm our faith in prayer, and convince us that the weak point in our Christian warfare has been a lack of faith in the Holy Ghost for service, and that the future holds for us a glorious victory when we confess and zealously conform to the acknowledgment that "it is infinitely less the outward administration of method that needs conserving among us than the inward administration of the Holy Spirit". That was the special and distinguishing glory of the Apostolic Church, and just in this is our distinguishing point of poverty".

The work is summarized as follows;

No. of Meetings for Worship in the Yearly Meeting	75
" " " Where labor has been bestowed	44
" " Series of Meetings	19
" " Meetings composing the series	368
" " Bible Readings	24
" " Childrens Meetings	1
" " Families visited	410
" " Professed Conversions	127
" " " Renewals	54
" " Meetings held without continuous service	149

Three series of Meetings have been conducted by Ministers from other Yearly Meetings, in which more than 50 professed conversions have been reported.

While the record shows less done in some of the lines of service than last year, there are indications that it has been of a more permanent character. Personal hand to hand work has broken up the fallow ground and prepared the ~~soil~~ to receive the good seed which is now springing up in many hearts to the praise of the Divine Husbandman.

Thus the Church in many localities has been confirmed in the promises of God, and is, "building the old wastes and raising up the former desolations"; yet there are still evidences of disease, which

if not healed will lead to spiritual decay, and woe be to the servant of the Lord who would "heal the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying Peace, Peace, when there is no peace".

We recognise a great need in the Church of more definite Scriptural teaching of the fundamental doctrines of the Gospel.

There is a dearth in the Ministry, and we feel that the young should be encouraged to devoutly cherish every call of the Holy Spirit to that line of service.

Lest the large amount of work done in this and previous years in proportion to the sum of money expended, should in some minds diminish a sense of responsibility in the contribution of funds, we call attention to the remarks of the Superintendent of the Second district referring to the difficulty of securing laborers from abroad; and also to the fact that hitherto the Committee has not felt at liberty to do more than defray the travelling expenses of the workers. To most or all of these, time is valuable, home and family cares pressing, and we leave the question with you, whether with our previous record for liberality, all has been done that liberty in the truth requires.

And now laying both our commission and our work down at your feet, we trust our watchword shall ever be; Loyalty to Christ which gives life, loyalty to the Gospel which ensures orthodoxy; loyalty to the Holy Ghost by which we receive power; and loyalty to all Mankind, which makes us useful."

Eli Jones, Chairman
P. S. Aydelott, Secretary

Portland 6th Mo 12th 1885

While we recognise the fact that the fields are white unto harvest, and the laborers are few, we are encouraged by the results of the faithful work which has been done during the past year. We conclude to appoint the following named Friends a nominating Committee, Viz; — Augustine Jones, Owen Dame, Rebecca H. Smiley, Henry F. Newell, Reuben T. Jones, John F. Chase, Henry C. Aydelott, Phebe S. Aydelott, Levi Jones, Joseph E. Briggs, Anna T. Hall, Lydia Haight and Susan T. Thompson, to produce at a future sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to whom this service may be confided, and trust that, in the coming year, larger and more blessed results will follow from their labors. The Meeting entered into

a voluntary contribution, and the sum of a little over $800 was raised and placed in the hands of the Committee.

Adjourned to meet on Second-day morning, the 15th at 10 o'clock in separate sessions.

Second-day morning the 15th
The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

22. The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee on Correspondence have reported the following, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, Viz:- Alfred H. Jones, George Howland, Jr., Thomas Wood, Charles H. Jones, Benjamin F. Knowles, Gideon Wood, Charles W. Goddard, Olney T. Meader, Frank E. Jones, Richard Davis, Jr., Charles E. Pearsley, Timothy B. Hussey, I. Warren Hawkes, Samuel Buffum, Charles C. Varney, Charles F. Andrews, Robert P. Gifford, Charles M. Jones, Levi E. Jones and Anthony M. Kimber.

23. The Committee to disburse the income arising from the Mosher Fund presented their Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the same Committee is continued for this service another year. The Report is as follows, Viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

We subscribed for 108 copies of "Friends' Review", which have been distributed amongst our members where it was considered they would prove helpful. We have also purchased and distributed 300 copies of "Memoirs of Elisa P. Gurney" and 200 copies (second edition) "Memories of Stanley Pumphrey;" also 30 pamphlets by Thomas Kimber, "Review of Two Essays by Wm Blackly, M.A.; Water Baptism and the Outward Ordinances, No Institution of Christ."

For the Committee;
Wm Thompson
Rebecca H. Smiley

Sixth Month, 1885.

The Committee are Viz;- Wm Thompson, Alfred H. Jones, John Elwood Paige, Rebecca H. Smiley, Ruth S. Murray and Esther Jones.

Treasurer's Report Mosher Fund.

Amount on hand as per last year's Report	$224.94
Received from Charles F. Coffin, for Trustees	480.00
Interest on Savings Bank Deposit - to 1st mo 1st 1885	6.96
	711.90

Expenditures

300 copies Blackley's Essays	15.00
1 year's subscription to Friends' Review, 106 copies	159.50
2 " " , 1 copy do, to J. Hishmeh	5.00
300 Copies Memoirs of E. P. Gurney	285.00
200 " Memoirs " Stanley Pumphrey	112.75
6 Sample Copies Inner Life of Commonwealth	15.37
Paid members of Committee, for expenses in forwarding books &c	26.02
3 Sample Copies Gathered Fragments	3.75
	622.39
Balance remaining in Treasurer's hands	89.51
	$711.90

Lynn 6th mo 10th, 1885. J. E. Paige, Treasurer.

24 The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the fund, viz:—

Income for past year

From Boston City Bond	500.00
" New Bedford Institution for Savings	33.34
" Lynn " " "	71.38
	$604.72

Payments for past-year

To J. Ellwood Paige Treasurer	480.00
" Increase of capital	124.72
	$604.72

Investment of the Mosher Fund

City of Boston Registered 5/p Bond	10.000.00
New Bedford Institution for Savings	766.38
Lynn " " "	1863.61
	$12,629.99

For the Trustees
C. F. Coffin
Trustee

Lynn 6th mo 4th, 1885.

1885

25. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of Society, as presented in the Answers to the Queries. The Answers are as follows, Viz:-

Answer 1st. All our Quarterly Meetings report a few Meetings omitted. First-day Meetings have been attended by the larger part of our members. Mid-week Meetings and those for discipline have been much neglected. With little exception the hour is observed, and unbecoming behavior avoided.

Answer 2nd. Love and unity nearly maintained. Detraction guarded against except by a few, and Endeavors have been used to end differences when they appeared.

Answer 3d. Nearly all Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and Conversation. Not sufficient care taken to train our children in accordance with our Christian profession.

Answer 4th. With few exceptions Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures as queried after. Encouraging their children and others in this important duty. Not quite clear in our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry.

Answer 5th. As far as we know, Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage except 17 cases, and a few indefinitely reported from one Quarterly Meeting in which care has been taken. Generally careful to avoid amusements and diversions and to observe moderation.

Answer 6th. Careful in the several parts of this Query.

Answer 7th. Not quite clear as regards Military Matters and oaths. No case of defrauding the public revenue.

Answer 8th. With little exception, Friends have been careful as queried after.

Answer 9th. Clear as to records with one exception. A few removals without Certificates. Some care has been taken.

Answer 10th. Care has been taken to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, and impartially, though not always as timely as would be best.

During the consideration of the State of Society, and at different stages of the Meeting much has been said in the way of wholesome counsel upon various topics. In our devotion to the principles

which form our basis of Church government, we are to recognize the importance of teaching them to our children. We are not simply to present a theory, but to demonstrate in practical life that its application has done us good. A clean and healthy spiritual atmosphere in the home must receive its most effectual commendation in the fact that it is not only something fluently spoken of, but that which we are actually breathing, and in which we are living and moving. Each member of the family should be encouraged by an easy and familiar manner in seasons of devotion to ask a question, kneel in prayer, or use the voice to the glory of God.

The advancement made in temperance encourages us to more vigilance in this important department of Church work, and we were cautioned to avoid the danger of presenting temptation to the young by keeping in, or about our homes, alcohol in cider or other forms.

We feel it needful, in view of the apparent indifference in respect to the principles of peace, to revive in the minds of parents and others a desire for a more thorough indoctrination of the minds of our children with the spirit of the Gospel which opposes all war on the ground of the sacredness of human life.

Much prominence has been given to the essential baptism of the Holy Ghost as a preparation for service in the Church, making us mighty in the Scriptures, and conferring power to stand valiantly for the truth. We should so feed by faith upon Christ, the bread of life, that when we have experienced conversion to God, our existence may be felt in the constant expansion of our faculties, and a scriptural broadening of our views of the fundamental doctrines of the Gospel.

We were exhorted to lend such help to those in the Ministry as will set them at liberty to labor in the truth, and give assurance to all in the vineyard of the Lord, that there is not only freedom in the service, but a loving spirit of co-operation that will support the work when it is done.

26. The Statistical Account, received from our Quarterly Meetings, was now read and is as follows, Viz:—

1885

	Number reported Last year	Error in last years report + or -	Error in last years report + or -	Births	Deaths	Moved in	Moved out	Admitted	Released	Gain	Loss	Present number
Rhode Island	721	0	1	5	15	5	4	9	1	0	2	719
Salem	672	0	0	1	8	12	8	18	4	11	0	683
Sandwich	687	0	0	0	19	0	5	15	3	0	12	675
Falmouth	626	0	0	5	8	10	9	61	16	43	0	669
Smithfield	391	0	1	2	10	1	0	3	1	0	6	385
Vassalboro	467	0	0	0	6	2	1	20	2	13	0	480
Dover	296	0	0	0	6	4	7	1	3	0	11	285
Fairfield	466	6	0	2	9	4	5	14	4	8	0	474
Total	4326	6	2	15	81	38	39	141	34	75	31	4370
Total gain										44		

Adjourned to 4 O'Clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, met pursuant to adjournment.

27. The Committee under appointment in reference to the few members of our Society residing in the British Provinces, mad the following Report, Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

Your Committee have endeavored to rightly perform the duties of their appointment, and with the means at their service have rendered a little help much needed.

By kind visits of some of the Committee, united with affectionate correspondence, the mind of the visited has been comforted, and with the recipient of our care, abides a cheerful Christian resignation united with an humble trust that the Good Master will provide

Balance from last year	$14.17
Appropriation	25.00
	$39.17
Expended at different times	$58.87

We recommend extending the same care and an appropriation of $50.

For the Committee

B. F. Knowles.

Portland 6th Mo 15th, 1885.

The report is satisfactory to the Meeting and the same Committee is continued for service another year, viz:- Benjamin F. Knowles, Hannah J. Bailey, George Richardson, Thomas B. Nichols and Rachel B. Nichols.

28. The Committee on Mission work in North Carolina and other States in the South have made their Report, which has been read, as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

We, your Committee on Educational and Mission work in North Carolina, have sustained a School of five months at Winthrop, in Iredell County, this being the Eighth year that a School has been supported there under the auspices of your Committee. Until this year, it was taught by Fannie Caison, but last summer her health failed and she was unable to return to the mission field. We engaged Nancy J. Johnson, one of our former pupils, to take Fannie Caison's place. She proved to be a successful teacher in many respects, though lack of the patience and perseverance manifested by her predecessor, rendered her less efficient and successful, more perhaps for want of age and experience, than of desire and interest.

About Mid-winter Fannie Caison's health became so much improved that we employed her to teach a School at Dobson, in Surry County, N.C. where one was very much needed. After teaching there two months and getting the people of that district encouraged to help themselves by their own efforts, she commenced teaching a School at White Plains in the same County. Here a number of poor Friends are living, who were very anxious but unable to educate their children. This school is in session at the present time. It will close this Month which will complete a term of three months in that place.

Fannie Caison writes, "We have opened a Meeting here which is well attended, and we have a large and interesting Bible School on First-days. The people appreciate what is being done for them. They are all poor but are disposed to help themselves all they can."

In the three Schools above mentioned, one hundred and thirteen scholars have been enrolled, about one half of whom were children of Friends

The average attendance was nearly three-fourths of the number enrolled.

A quantity of clothing and other comforts were sent to the Mission field last winter from New Bedford and vicinity by the kind efforts of our friend Mary S. Wood. These were gratefully received and distributed among the most poor and needy ones. Twenty Four dollars in money were sent from Lynn and Salem Friends, through the kindness of our friend Jacie P. Hawkes, Jr., which was all expended for maps, books and other helps to the Teachers. Five dollars worth of spelling books were also sent from the same source. All of these were very much appreciated by the recipients.

Since 1877, when New England Yearly Meeting first assumed this work of educating and elevating the poor white people in this part of North Carolina and south-eastern Tennessee, about seven hundred and fifty students have received instruction in our Schools, eighty seven families have been helped by donations of clothing and other comforts, and two School Houses and one Friends Meeting-house have been built there. One hundred and fifty two persons have been received into Membership with the Society of Friends in two Monthly Meetings where our efforts have been mostly concentrated, and eighteen of our scholars have been prepared to teach public Schools.

The sudden removal by death of our dear friend Matthew Howland, who has been Treasurer of this committee and deeply interested in its work since its first organization, eight years ago, has been a loss which we deeply felt.

As nearly all of the Schools organised by us have now become self-supporting, and we think the remainder might be so if left to their own resources, your Committee feel inclined to advise that the money now remaining in the Acting-Treasurers hands be placed in the care of a small Committee, to be used in aiding the Schools and Mission work in those neighborhoods where, in the discretion of that Committee, it seems most needed, and that this work be closed up the coming year.

May God continue to bless the seed that has been sown there, that it may produce abundant fruit-

to His glory.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

Hannah J. Bailey
Secretary.

Portland 6th Mo 13th 1885

Acting Treasurer's Report

1884 Dr

7th Mo.	Received by a return Post Office order	$4.00
10th Mo.	Returned order	5.00
11th Mo.	Rec'd from George Howland, Jr., Treasur of N. E. Y. M.	200.00
" " " "	Rachel S. Howland balance in hands of the late Treasurer Matthew Howland	22.14
		$231.14

1884 Cr

11th Mo.	Paid Teacher	$25.00
12th Mo.	" "	21.00
" "	" "	21.00
1885 1st Mo.	" to aid a poor family	5.00
" "	" Teacher	21.00
2nd "	" "	21.00
" "	" to aid the poor	5.00
" "	" for reference Bible	1.00
5th Mo	" " Bibles	3.00
" "	" " postage, etc	1.64
6th "	*Balance on hand	106.50
		$231.14

* $90.00 of the above balance will be due for Teacher's wages at the close of the present school term.

Portland 6th Mo 13th, 1885. Hannah J. Bailey Acting Treasurer.

Which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and Charles M. Jones and Hannah J. Bailey are appointed to carry into effect the recommendation of the Committee in reference to the expenditure of the small balance now in the hands of the Committee.

29. The Committee appointed for that purpose have nominated Friends to constitute a Committee to have the charge of the Boarding School at Providence the ensuing year, which is approved by the Meeting, and they are appointed accordingly, and are as follows Viz:— Charles F. Coffin, George Howland, Jr., Timothy B. Hussey, Samuel R. Buffinton, Richard Bailey, James H. Chace,

James O. Inman, Peter M. Neal, Benjamin F. Knowles, Augustus F. Cox, Robert P. Gifford, Charles Taber, Caleb Jones, Charles C. Varney, I. Warren Hawkes, William O. Newhall, Isaac Oscar Winslow, Ellen K. Buffum, Sylvia G. Howland, Hannah J. Bailey, Rebecca A. Steere, Anna G. Wood, Deborah W. Crosman, Elizabeth H. Austin, Sarah F. Tobey, Esther Jones, Caroline C. Earle, Rebecca H. Smiley, Lydia C. Neal, Ruth S. Murray, Alice W. Maxfield, Anna M. Hussey, Elizabeth H. Newhall and Ruthanna H. Nichols.

30. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, Viz:-

Answer 1st.— Nearly all our members are diligent in attending Meetings for worship and discipline. We fear that a little more care is needed to promote the attendance of some of our families.

Answer 2nd.— Most of our members are preserved in unity one with another, and with the Meetings to which we belong, and our labor together in gathering unto Christ is generally harmonious; but we feel that more Earnest effort is needed in these respects.

Answer 3d.— We are with little exception frequently engaged in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, and are careful not to mis-quote or mis-apply them.

Minute of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

We have been brought under a deep and searching exercise during the reading of the Queries and Answers. Friends in the ministry were led to impart much loving and faithful counsel to our edification and comfort. The importance of searching the Holy Scriptures was brought impressively before us. It is the Book, and we need to dig deep into this wonderful mine, if we would be spiritually rich.

We should be often alone with the Lord, and His written word, asking Him to open it to us. The prophet Ezekiel was to eat the roll and then speak unto the people. Every Church planted should be like the river which the prophet saw in vision, refreshing the desert

and making everything live where it flowed. Circumstances may work against us, but if we would not look at the discouragements, and dwell upon the barriers in our way, but individually stand in the power of God, strong in Him, we should be an aggressive Church, and our borders would be enlarged. We should not be satisfied if our Meetings hold their own, but we should ever bear in mind that the prime object of the Church is to gather souls to Christ, and to feed the flock of God. A Church needs to be evangelistic in order to be evangelical. The Children should be lovingly and tenderly cared for, and taught what we believe from a Bible stand-point.

We were encouraged to faithfulness in the attendance of our Meetings, and to be careful to provide for the attendance of our families, even though it should involve present sacrifice; a blessing will attend our efforts in this direction. Our faithfulness in this respect always exerts a silent influence for good on our friends and neighbors.

We have been exhorted to occupy the spiritual gifts entrusted to us. There are diversities of gifts and we should not despise those that seem to us small, but occupy them faithfully. God calls some to be Apostles and Prophets but it is blessed to be even "helps" in His Church. We were reminded that many men in the camp of Israel spent the best of their lives in caring for the curtains, sockets, and even the pins of the Tabernacle. Be faithful in the little things of life, and the great things will take care of themselves. We should do our work faithfully and not criticise the work of others.

Above all we need the the baptism of the Holy Spirit for every service. He has come to dwell in the Church, to give us power and to lead us into all truth. He wants to fill us with all His fulness, and manifest His glory in and through us.

We rejoice in the increased zeal manifested in recent years in the evangelistic work of the Church, and believe that this Meeting ought to identify itself more closely as a body with this movement in our Society. The duties enjoined upon the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight cover a wide field, which we are not fully occupying. All our time should not be consumed in keeping up the organisation of this

Meeting in our subordinate Meetings, but a large portion should be devoted to the interests of the Church in looking after the spiritual needs of the flock and devising ways of advancing the Redeemer's kingdom.

We earnestly desire that we all give prayerful attention to the duties assigned in our Discipline to this body, and carry out the work practically in our subordinate Meetings.

Alfred H. Jones, Clerk.

31. The Committee on the Concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen of the South, have presented their Sixth Annual Report, together with the Report of the condition of the Freedmen Normal Institute at Maryville, Tenn., made by its superintendent, William P. Hastings. We again refer this Concern to the same Committee. The Report is as follows Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

Your Committee, in connection with the Principal, have endeavored to make the School useful to the colored man, and all who have willingly availed themselves of the advantages offered, and cheerfully used them, we believe have been much benefited by the instruction imparted.

The School opened at the usual time in the 8th Month and soon had 29 students in the class for training Teachers, and closed the Fall Term in the 12th Month with 37.

The Spring term opened First Month, 1885 and closed in the Fifth Month with 50 in the Teachers Training Class.

The Principal in a letter remarks; "The closing exercises went off well; our 8 graduates acquitted themselves very creditably. Such noble sentiments on the subjects of Temperance, Anti-Tobacco and Peace were brought out by our graduating young men and women; it would have been very gratifying to their friends, could they have heard them".

While there are many among the colored people who duly appreciate the efforts made by their friends to assist them in acquiring a useful education, yet there

are some others who not only fail to appreciate, but are actual opposers. The School, during the past year, has, as usual, had a happy experience with the former class, but with the latter an experience sadly the reverse; but we trust and hope, in view of the assistance given to Maryville School, wiser feelings will prevail.

This opposition resulted in the employment of a lawyer to call in question the title given the Freedmans Normal Institute to New England Yearly Meeting; but this question, we believe, will soon be settled by Indiana Friends without litigation.

Our Lord and Master did not relinquish the work He came to accomplish, because of opposition; and to follow His example we ought not to withhold pursuing the course for uplifting the colored man, by helping him to a useful education, because of difficulties, especially when many with thankful hearts duly appreciate all their friends are doing to better their condition.

Financial Statement.

Expended on buildings in a variety of repairs, and other expenses as per bills and statements	$286.99
Repair funds on hand 3d Month 25th 1885.	34.01
	$321.00

Received for repairs, &c

From Charles F. Coffin	$50.	Wm C. Taber	$25.	$75.00
" Olney T. Meader	25.	Hannah J. Bailey	25.	50.00
" Joseph E. Briggs	10.	Hannah B. Farr	5.	15.00
" Thomas Wood	6.	Wm Thompson	5.	11.00
" Susan L. Meader	5.	Henry Taber	10.	15.00
" Sarah A. Thony	10.	Four Friends	8.	18.00
" Augustus F. Cox	5.	John J. Frye	3.	8.00
" Mary L. Winslow	2.	A. W. Rogers	50.	52.00
" Annie W. Rogers	10.	Robert W. Rogers	10.	20.00
" Sarah Marshall	10.	Mary M. Johnson	10.	20.00
" Marmaduke Cope	10.	M. W. Haines	10.	20.00
" Wistar Brown	5.	Mary W. Brown	2	7.00
" Charles M. Bailey				10.00
				$321.00

School Account

From last years account	$130.80
" Appropriation	500.00
" Rents	232.20
" A Friend to balance account	137.00
	$1,300.00

1885

Expended

Paid William P. Hastings to assist in running the School $1300.00

All of which the Committee submits with a wish for the Meeting to see its way clear to appropriate $1000 to continue the work.

For the Committee

Portland 6th Mo 15th, 1885. B. F. Knowles

Annual Report of the Freedmans Normal Institute, Maryville, Tenn., From 8th Mo 25th, 1884, To 5th Mo 22d 1885, Being the School year.

Number of days taught	183
" Enrolled	102
" averaged daily	54
Per Cent of attendance	88
Number in Training class	85
" teaching in different States	94
Greatest number taught at one time by these teachers,	5225
Number of self-boarders in the buildings at different times	53
" " Table " " " "	9
" taught reading	102
" " spelling	102
" " arithmetic	102
" " English grammar	98
" " " composition	98
" " geography	80
" " United States History	26
" " latin	10
" " greek	2
" " Algebra	10
" " Geometry	3
" " Book-keeping	5

The Sabbath-School and Meeting have been continued through the year. We have also given the Temperance and Peace reforms proper place in our work, both in our religious Meetings and by the distribution of literature on these subjects.

There are now 73 colored members of Southern Monthly Meeting. A number of these are among our best teachers, and are not residing near any Friends' Meeting, but when evi-

responded with express a decided adherence to the Society of Friends.

With gratitude to our Heavenly Father for having carried on this work thus far, this report is submitted with the hope that the work may be continued with increased vigor.

Respectfully submitted

Wm P. Hastings,

Principal.

The Committee are, viz:- Benjamin F. Knowles, Charles F. Coffin, Joseph E. Briggs, Moses Sawyer, Gertrude W. Cartland, Hannah J. Bailey and Hannah B. Sawyer.

32. The Trustees of the George Stuart Fund presented their fourth Annual Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and is as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The investment remains unchanged, and for safe Keeping the Bonds are where they were last year.

In the Fall one dollar a week was allowed to each of 27 students who were fitting themselves for teachers. In the Spring Term 40 students, attending the Training Class with the view of becoming teachers, were allowed 75 cents per week from the Fund.

The number of students fitting themselves for teachers has fallen below that of last year, when it was unusually large; yet at no previous time, according to Monthly Reports received, have so many pupils in different States been receiving instruction from the Institutes former students.

The amount given to the students from the Fund this School-year, would have furnished the same help to 30 students an entire year of thirty eight weeks.

Financial Statement.

Balance from last year	$362.02
Coupons due 7th Mo, 1884.	727.50
Interest due on deposits up to 11th Mo 30th, 1884.	11.81
Coupons due 1st Mo, 1885.	727.50
Interest due on deposits up to 4th Mo 30th, 1885.	13.27
	$1,842.10

Expenditures.

Paid for students as per bills for Fall Term, 1884,	$ 68.00
Amount carried over	

Amount brought over	$368.00
Paid for Students as per bills for Spring Term, 1885.	572.25
" other expenses	15.00
Balance for New account	886.85
	$1.842.10

For the Trustees

Portland 6th Mo 15th, 1885. B. F. Knowles

The Trustees are, Viz:—
Benjamin F. Knowles, South Manchester, Conn.
Samuel R. Buffinton, Fall River, Mass.
Augustine Jones, Providence R. I.
Owen Dame, Lynn, Mass.
Rebecca H. Smiley, New Bedford, Mass.
Ellen K. Buffum, Providence, R. I.
Susan T. Thompson, New Bedford, Mass.

33. A communication was received at this time from James and Henry Grace, of Bristol, England, in relation to a clause in the will of Henry Camps, late of Bristol, bequeathing a certain portion of his estate to the Freedmens Normal Institute, Maryville, Tenn. It was referred to the Representative Meeting.

We adjourn to meet in joint session to-morrow Morning at 10 O'clock.

Third-day Morning the 16th. The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

35. The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their Annual Report, Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Joint Committee on Foreign Mission Work, in presenting this their eleventh Annual Report; do so with feelings of deep gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the blessings which have rested upon our labors during the past year.

Perhaps at no time in the history of the Mission has more persecution been brought to bear upon it by the priests and bishop than in the past year. Since the removal of

Rustem Pasha, the Christian Governor of Lebanon, they have been trying to control the affairs of State and hinder the work of Protestant Missions in every possible way.

At Kabbarich they succeeded in closing our School, but about that time the inhabitants of Dar Bsalum made application for a School to be opened in their village, which was done. The change has proved a wise one for the interests of the Mission. Theo. Waldmeier, in writing of the examination in this School at the close of the year, expresses his great satisfaction at the progress they have made. Parents and children are united in the work. He says: "The School was able to understand well the first four rules of Arithmetic, could repeat all the parables and miracles of Christ, and answered four hundred Bible questions correctly." The work in this field promising to be so fruitful is supported by our dear Friends of Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

The School at Mansourieh which is supported by the Women's Foreign Mission Society, of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, is also making very satisfactory progress. The same may be said of all the branch Schools. About the usual number of Scholars have been in attendance.

Some changes have taken place among the workers in the Mission field during the past year. This has caused some anxiety to us, but the closing of the years work has proved our fears to be groundless.

Sheik Arkle, a prominant man of Brumana, at one time Sheik of the village, and one of the first to join the little band of Friends composing Brumana Monthly Meeting, died the last of Tenth Month. He had been employed as Bible reader during his connection with the Mission, and, being much respected by the inhabitants of Brumana and neighboring villages for his upright Christian walk, he had great influence over them for good. His loving counsel and earnest prayers and exhortations in the Meetings and homes at Brumana are much missed.

Mariam Ado Nassar, who was our instructor at the Girls Training Home the first two years, and had proved herself a very efficient teacher, dearly loved by her scholars, early in 8th month was united in marriage with Lottsfellah Riskallah, teacher of the Boys Home. This union changed her from teacher of the Girls, to Matron of the Boys Training Home, which position she is

abundantly able to fill.

The Conference at Mt. Lebanon was fortunate in securing the services of Mualwon Freedy, who had been head teacher at the Deaconess School, at Beyrout, eight years. She is reported as being qualified for a first-class teacher in languages as well as in household economy also sewing, knitting and all kinds of needle-work: and what is more than all, she is an earnest Christian woman, who has the elevation of her own sex strongly at heart. Allusion is made in a letter to her delivering a lecture before the scholars of the Training Homes and inhabitants of Brumana in favor of the elevation of the women of the East, which was well calculated to inspire a longing in their hearts for a higher and better condition in life.

Ibrahim Jasso, who was connected with the Mission from its start, closed his labors as Superintendent of the day schools in the Summer, and Manlim Abdelnour, head teacher of the Friends School at Ramallah, was employed to take his place and assist Theophilus Waldmeier in this branch of the work. The Meetings for Worship at the Mission and preaching of the Gospel in the villages have been regularly kept up during the year. Our dear friend Maria Fretham, after spending four years at the Missions, giving freely all her time and strength, also largely of her means, to the support of the Mission, felt she would like to return home for a short visit, and also attend London Yearly Meeting. She has done so, and is now in England, expecting to return to Brumana early in the Fall for the opening of the Schools.

We can but again express our thanks to our Heavenly Father for His blessing upon our labors, and to the Friends of our own and all other Yearly Meetings who have so generously aided us with funds to carry on the work.

We would again ask the Yearly Meeting to appropriate the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars towards defraying the expenses of the Mission during the coming year.

On behalf of the Committee

Charles M. Jones

Clerk

P.S.— During the past year, eight hundred and fifteen dollars have been subscribed, and is now on deposit in Savings Bank towards the building of a Girls Training Home at Ramallah.

Treasurers Repat-

1884 Dr

6th Month.	To balance from last year	$ 94.57
	Amount collected at Newport	251.34
	" recd for support of Girls at Training Home	562.32
	" " " account of Hospital	30.00
	" " from Monthly Meetings	328.52
	" " " Preparative "	115.00
	" " " Individuals	305.00
	" " " First-day Schools	68.92
	" " " Missionary Societies	57.00
	" " " Yearly Meeting	750.00
	" " " all other sources	232.84
		$2,795.51

1884 Cr

6th Month.	By amount sent- T. Waldmeier	$ 85.22
8th "	" " " " " "	1190.06
1885 3d Month.	" " " " " "	801.90
4th "	" " " " " "	487.38
	" " " for Hospital	30.00
6th Month	" balance to new account-	200.95
		$2,795.51

1884 11th Month. Amt recd from R. N. Taylor for Mansonich School } $ 150.00

1884 12th Month. Amount sent T. Waldmeier $ 150.00

There is also in the hands of the Committee, belonging to the Training Home for Girls on Mt. Lebanon, the sum of $2716.05

George Howland, Jr,
Treasurer of Committee

New Bedford 6th Mo. 1885.

This Repat- was satisfactory and we feel that the watchful care of the Great Husbandman is still over this work of faith. Difficulties have appeared, but they have been overruled by the power of Him who promises to go before His people when they go out in His service. We appoint- our friends Daniel C. Maxfield, Eli Jones, Ellen K.

Buffum, Electa Jane Collins, Ellen C. Jones, David Kelley, Charles M. Jones, Mary E. Taylor and Samuel Buffum a Committee to select Friends to take charge of this important work the ensuing year. The sum of $300. was collected by voluntary contribution for the current expenses of the Mission. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year.

36. The Committee having the care of Oak Grove Seminary the past year have presented their first Annual Report, Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

Your Committee to have the care of Oak Grove Seminary, in presenting their Report, feel that the past year has been one of blessing in many respects to the School.

Immediately after the close of our last Yearly Meeting steps were taken to have the property, which was held by a Board of Trustees, transferred to New England Yearly Meeting. A warranty deed to this effect was properly executed, and recorded in Kennebec, County, State of Maine, then deposited in the hands of George Howland, Jr. Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting. The property thus transferred consisted of about one and one half acres of land, with a large boarding house, partly furnished, with rooms to accommodate sixty Scholars; a stable large enough for the needs of the Institution, and a building which had been used as a gymnasium.

Your Committee were of the opinion that if the School was to be built up and become such an Institution as it should be, more land was needed to start upon. On the North side of the School property is a piece of land about three acres in extent, which it seemed best to add to the School premises if possible. Application was made to Burleigh and Bodwell, who owned the property, to see upon what terms it could be secured. They very generously made a free gift of it to the Yearly Meeting. On the west side is also a small lot, which we have purchased at a cost of fifty dollars. On the east line is still another

lot, about one half acre, which we needed to make a square lot. This was the property of Millie Whiting, who has also kindly made a gift of it to the Yearly Meeting. This gives the Yearly Meeting about six acres of land – sufficient – for the needs of the School.

Application was made to the Legislature of Maine for State aid, to assist in carrying on the School. They kindly responded to our appeal, and granted us three hundred dollars a year for two years.

The building which has been used as a Seminary having been burned, a subscription was entered into to secure funds to erect a suitable building for this purpose and to make the proper repairs on the present buildings. Something over four thousand dollars has already been subscribed.

The boarding-house has been newly shingled, and some other repairs which were much needed have been made. Considerable addition has been made to the furnishing of the boarding-house, in the line of bedding, crockery, Etc.

An architect was employed to make a plan for the new School building to be erected in connection with the present boarding-house, which has been done, and is now nearly ready to place in the hands of the contractor. Work will be begun at once, and the building will be ready for the opening of the Winter Term. When this is done, there will be accommodation for one hundred students.

Three terms of School, of twelve weeks each, have been in operation during the year, under the care of Charles H. Jones, Principal and Teacher of Mathematics and Natural Science; Ellen A. Winslow, Preceptress and Teacher of Latin, French, German and Literature; Emily S. Weeks, Teacher of Drawing and Painting; H. Elizabeth Jones, Matron.

At the Fall Term there were 47 Scholars; – 32 boys; 15 girls.
" " Winter " " " 45 " 27 " ; 18 "
" " Spring " " " 66 " 40 " ; 26 "

The Principal was obliged to refuse several who made application at the opening of the Spring Term for want of room.

Charles H. Jones, having taken the School in charge

from the old Board of Trustees, and entered upon the school year before our appointment, we deemed it best to let him proceed as he had proposed, through the year.

The School was visited from time to time by members of our Committee, and we have been much pleased with the thorough manner in which the Principal seemed to be carrying on the work, and also the interest manifested by the Scholars. A deep, religious feeling has been kept up throughout the year, increasing during the Spring Term. The Principal reports that fifteen of the students have professed conversion to the Lord Jesus during the year. Besides the regular Meetings, a Prayer Meeting is held by the scholars two evenings in the week.

While we have not accomplished all that we wished during the year, we feel that a good beginning has been made, and the prospects of the School are bright for the future. Enough has already been manifested to prove the wisdom of the Yearly Meeting in taking charge of this Institution, and we believe that under its care it will continue to increase in usefulness.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

Charles M. Jones, Clerk.

Calendar, School Year 1885-86.

1885- Fall Term begins Third-day 8th Mo 25th. Fall Term closes Sixth-day 11th Mo 13th. Recess of one week. Winter Term begins, Third-day 11th Mo 24th.

1886- Winter Term closes, Sixth-day, 2nd Mo 12th. Recess of one week. Spring Term begins Third-day, 2nd Mo 23d. Spring Term closes Sixth-day 5th Mo 14th. Vacation.

Fall Term of School year 1886-87 begins Third-day 8th Mo 24th

Public examination at the close of each term. Graduation exercises at the close of the Spring Term.

1885 Treasurer's Report Cr

7th Mo	From Hannah J. Bailey		$500.00
11th "	" C. M. Bailey, Treasurer of Trustees		300.00
1st "	Collected by R. H. Nichols		17.00
2nd "	" " Arthur Tabor		6.00
6th "	From Olney T. Meader		25.00
			$848.00

1884 Dr

7th Mo	For drawing deed	$2.00

1884 Amount brought up	$2.00
8th mo Paid C.H. Jones for repairs as per bills and vouchers	316.87
12th " " " " "	100.00
1885	
1st mo " R.H. Nichols	9.38
2d " " C.H. Jones	41.83
3d " " Expenses of Committee	15.00
" " " C.H. Jones	54.00
4th " " Isaiah Gifford for land	50.00
6th " In hands of Treasurer	262.92
	$848.00

Joseph E. Briggs
Treasurer

Sybil Jones's Fund

On deposit in Augusta Savings Bank $162.00

Ruthanna H. Nichols, Treasurer.

The Committee are Charles M. Bailey, Eli Jones, Ebenezer Frye, C. Irving Bailey, Charles M. Jones, Augustine Jones, Joseph E. Briggs, Benjamin F. Knowles, John J. Frye, Joseph T. Richardson, Ezra Hawkes, John H. Crosman, Timothy B. Hussey, Arthur Taber, Frank E. Jones, John F. Chase, Hannah J. Bailey, Susan T. Thompson, Myra E. Frye, Huldah H. Leighton, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Mary E. Richardson, Harriet L. Hoxie, S. Jane Cox, Harriet D. Collins, Mary W. Jones of Newport, Mary Ann Hoxie, Julia E. Winslow, Emma S. Briggs, C. Alice Jones, Mary E. Taber and Sarah Marble.

Treasurer Joseph E. Briggs, of Winthrop, Maine.

The Meeting was gratified with the manner in which the Committee have discharged the trust committed to their care. They are continued to that service for the ensuing year, with the exception of Meltiah Gifford, deceased, and John F. Chase, added thereto. Joseph E. Briggs is re-appointed Treasurer. Over $1000 was subscribed in the Yearly Meeting towards finishing and furnishing the School Building.

37. The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel work, have presented the following, viz:- Eli Jones, Phebe S. Aydelott, Anna G. Wood, Rebecca H. Smiley, Charles H. Jones, William Jacob, Charles M. Jones, J. Warren Hawkes, William P. Macomber, Lydia Haight, Alice Almy, Henry C. Aydelott,

Anthony M. Kimber, Harriet D. Collins, Elisabeth T. Larkin
William Thompson, Susan T. Thompson, John B. Cartland
Timothy B. Hussey, Hannah S. Wing, Joseph E. Briggs,
Annie M. Ray, Levi E. Jones, Emeline H. Tuttle, Charles
E. Pearley, John H. Douglas and Mary Alice Gifford, who
is satisfactory to the Meeting, and they are appointed to
that service for one year.

38. The Committee to promote the cause of Temperance in our own Society and in the community at large, presented their Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

While as a Committee we have but little that is new to report this year either in methods adopted or results attained, we rejoice that we can speak of increasing interest in the cause, and that methods of work which have proved successful in some of our Meetings in years past have been gradually and with equal success adopted by others within the last year. We have endeavored to follow on as the Lord has led, and are grateful to Him that He has so guided that we feel, upon a review of the year's work that more has been done and better results obtained than in any previous year.

More has been done among the children than in any previous year. Temperance has been taught in most, if not all of our First-day Schools. Bands of Hope and Temperance Classes have been formed and a pamphlet has been issued by the Executive Committee giving a form of Constitution and By-Laws which are recommended for adoption by the different juvenile organizations.

Many have signed the triple pledge. Endeavors have been made to teach the injurious effects of the use of tobacco as well as of Alcohol, it having been fairly demonstrated that the use of the one often leads to that of the other. Our older members have been admonished in regard to this, and, while some improvement has been noticed, much more remains to be done.

Considerable of the appropriation has been used in years past in sending out lecturers

but experience has shown that the results realized by holding only one Meeting in a place were not commensurate with the expense incurred, and, therefore, more time and money have been expended directly among the children in the last year, and we have reason to believe with good results.

Labor of this kind among the children pays well, and we have reason to rejoice in the knowledge that members of our children's classes are working among their little mates, inducing them to sign the pledge and practicing what they have themselves been taught.

We have not attempted to strew the New England States "knee-deep" with Temperance literature, we have been by no means inactive in this part of our work. So far as known, every member of the Committee, and some who are not members have been furnished with all they could profitably use. Many orders for books, tracts, cards, pledges etc., have been filled by the Secretary, and these silent yet eloquent messengers have been scattered far and wide "beside all waters," accompanied, as we believe, by His blessing who gave the command.

Literature has also been distributed in jails and prisons, and some of our workers report a free use of Temperance tracts in their correspondence.

One member reports 30 Temperance letters written the past year; another 19 signers to the total abstinence pledge, who have never signed before, and yet another 41 signers of the triple pledge. From 9 of the Committee no report has been received, and in such a case it is difficult to do more than give a general view of the work done, any statistical report necessarily being very incomplete.

Maine being the pioneer State in the prohibition movement, the eyes of many not only in this country but in other countries being turned towards her to see what her citizens would do with this law after thirty years experience, the Committee thought best at their first Meeting in the 8th Month, to apply one half of the Yearly Meeting's appropriation to the work in Maine; and we rejoice to-day that we were granted the privilege of keeping in the movement which gave to Maine a constitutional

prohibitory law.

One Temperance Meeting has been held at Friends School at Providence. The workers were warmly welcomed and the meeting was well attended. The library contains a few reference Temperance books, most of them placed there by the Committee, and, while no other prizes have been offered this year for essays, we hope the books have not been wholly useless.

The School at Oak Grove, Vassalboro, has been "instant in season, out of season", in this line of Christian work. No opportunity has been neglected, and "no uncertain sound" given with regard to the twin evils, alcohol and tobacco.

The Committee has labored faithfully in different localities to secure a law, making scientific temperance instruction compulsory in the public schools, and is glad to be able to report such a law in New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Maine, while Massachusetts is putting forth vigerous efforts to secure a similar law during the present sitting of the legislature. This law, if enforced, opens a grand era in temperance work; for when we can send forth trained forces from our public schools, the enemy must fall. God speed the day!

We mourn to-day the loss of one member of our Committee, our dear brother James P. Boyce, of Lynn who has finished his work and gone to his reward. Although the oldest member of the Committee, his heart was young, and full of fire and enthusiasm in the cause of temperance. His earnest words and wise counsel will not soon be forgotten by us, and we pray God his mantle may fall upon us who remain. We rejoice in the thought that our loss is his unspeakable and eternal gain.

While much that is encouraging comes before us as we sum up the visible results of the years work, so far as reported, enough of discouragement is reported to show us that if we would not lose ground, increased efforts must be made in the future; for with every fresh effort put forth by the friends of temperance, the enemy is summoning his allies to the front and

his forces are strongly entrenched.

We recommend that this work be carried on under the care of a Committe, and that two hundred dollars be appropriated for the work the coming year.

John F. Chase,
Secretary.

Treasurer's Report.

Yearly Meeting appropriation	$200.00
From a Friend	5.00
Interest and literature sold	4.95
	$209.95
Amount expended during the year	$209.95

Portland, Maine 6th Mo 15th, 1885. John F. Chase, Treasurer.

The Report is satisfactory to this Meeting, and we commend the cause to the continued care of the Committe now under appointment, with the exception of our late friend James P. Boyce, deceased, Elizabeth A. Gifford and Hannah S. Wing released upon their own request, and the addition of Edward S. Hacker. The Committe are, Viz:- Ezra Hawkes, Elizabeth T. Larkin, John F. Chase, Charles W. Goddard, Harriet D. Collins, Charles A. Chace, Louisa N. Meader, John H. Crosman, Ruth S. Murray, Mary C. Baylies, Edward T. Tucker, George F. Varney, Abigail Wheeler, Susan Ann Gifford, Augustus F. Cox, S. Jane Cox, Emma J. Satchell, Sarah W. J. McLellan, Huldah H. Leighton, Alice W. Hawkes, Edward S. Hacker, Eli Jones, Frank E. Jones, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, Thomas W. Hoag, Ida M. Jennes, Joseph E. Briggs, Harriet N. Jones, Hepsie S. Hoxie, Joseph T. Richardson and Phebe W. Sawtelle.

39. The Representatives propose the following-named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year. The Friends named are satisfactory to the Meeting and are appointed accordingly, Viz:- Samuel R. Buffinton, Ellen K. Buffum, Owen Dame, Lydia C. Neal, George Howland, Jr., Anna G. Wood, Reuben T. Jones, Esther Jones, Richard Battey, Mary A. Battey, Alfred H. Jones, Elizabeth K. Jones,

Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, I. Warren Hawk
Hannah J. Bailey, William C. Newhall, James C. Inman
Benjamin F. Knowles, Charles F. Coffin, Thomas Harkness
Gertrude W. Cartland, Anthony M. Kimber, Augustine
Jones, Augustus F. Cox, S. Jane Cox, Sarah F. Tobey, Wm
Thompson, Susan T. Thompson, Olney T. Meader, Daniel C
Maxfield, George Douglas, Louisa N. Meader, Isaac Steere
Susan S. Tripp, Levi Jones, Myra E. Frye, Hariet D.
Collins and John J. Frye.

40. The Committee on the Concern of this Meeting
for the improvement of the Indians west of the Mis-
sissippi River, have presented a Report which has bee
read, and is as follows, Viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting

In looking over the complex
Indian question, and thinking of it in its varied
aspects, we feel that many Friends in the East do not
realise that over the lives and property of about
200.000 human beings, one man at Washington has
almost absolute control. There are men and women wh
have not the privilege of the lowest foreigners who com
to our shores, but are held as wards of the nation, how-
ever Christianised and Educated they may have become
- being denied citizenship.

As the amount granted by the Yearly
Meeting for the Indian work was placed in the hands of
the Associated Executive Committee of the various Yearly
Meetings, it seems fitting to give a brief account of
the work done by them the past year:-

First we note in the Educational
Report, that six government boarding, and three day
Schools have been supplied by Friends wholly or
in part, with Superintendents and Teachers. These
Schools have an enrollment of 570 pupils. Besides
these there have been 140 pupils in the Whites Indu-
trial Training Schools in Indiana and Iowa - in
all, 700 Scholars under 54 Friends. The Forest
Grove School in Oregon, and the Chilocco Training
School in Indian Territory have been under Frien
as Superintendents, who have had several of their
fellow-members as Assistants. Nearly 100 of thes

700 scholars have professed faith in Christ during the year. The Committee felt that there was great cause for gratitude on account of this evidence of Divine blessing on the labors of the Teachers.

Benjamin S. Coppock says the children of Whites have easily adapted themselves to the method of work, that they now have a general knowledge of farming and housekeeping, would be desirable help in good farmers' families, and that with proper care and encouragement will develop into useful men and women. The School now numbers 60 members, with an increase of 11 since last year. There are now two Monthly Meetings.

A Meeting-House has been built at Shawneetown, where the new Monthly Meeting is established. Forty-nine members are reported. Two Missionaries and their wives are employed in the work. There are now 168 Indian Members; one Minister Frank Modoc, who visited his people the Klamaths and Modocs last year, finding many of them deeply interested in the truths of the Gospel. Six of them requested admission to membership in Grand River Monthly Meeting. Dr Charles W. Kirk visited the Meetings and Members of Grand River Monthly Meeting. Laurie Tatum visited all the Meetings and many of the members. Thomas H. Stanley made visits to many of the Kaws and Osages. Mahlon H. Stubbs with Jesse Hobson of Oregon, has visited the Klamaths and Modocs in Oregon. They say they have never seen any people so hungry for the Gospel as they, and they were begging for a Missionary.

The whole field has received instruction and help from Friends not residing on the reservations. As the success of the Quapaw Mission was largely the efforts of New England Friends, and many calls for help have come to the Committee of this Yearly Meeting, we have confined our labors mostly to this Agency.

Frank Modoc felt for some time the need of a better knowledge of the English language and of the Bible, in order that he might be better fitted for his calling as a Christian teacher

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and while in Oregon visited his people, amid their earnest entreaties for him to remain, he felt a renewed desire to go to School, and asked God to make a way as there seemed to be no way. The prayer was heard. Government officially granted $167.00 for his Schooling and we as a Committee had the privilege of collecting and paying his travelling and other necessary expens at Oak Grove Seminary, where he says "I very much thank my Heavenly Father for sending me where so many good children are". A very encouraging correspondence is kept up as the result of his visit to Oregon the past year. In one letter we note the following; "I hope you will learn fast, and become a man among wise men, and better understand the ways of our Father in Heaven and become a great benefit to our noble red brothers". Eliza Watson in one of her letters says; "We miss Frank Modoc very much; his good advise and example to his people were a great stay to them". His little son Elwood did not seem to take it to heart when he was left alone, but said one day "I pray for father every night". He has since gone to White's Institute, Indiana. The Modoc women have met the past year in a room at the Mission where they learn to cut and make clothing under the care of Eliza Watson. Three families made new rag carpets last year. Several neat framed houses were built and some of the grounds are fenced, and fruit trees planted, with good gardens. According to the Report of Commissioner Pierce, on Indian affairs for 1882, 68 tribes were without Missionary or Church Buildings. A study of the Report of the same Commissioner in 1884, reveals 84 Indian tribes and separate portions of tribes, with a population of 76,51 without a Missionary, many of whom are pleading for help. We are told that a single devoted Missionary among the Indians is like the effect of the calcium light Thrown down a dark alley. We cannot close our eyes and shut our ears to these cries for help which com to us in various ways. The Committee have collected and expended $192.97, and have pledged themselves for $17.03 more than they have in the Treasury. The amo unt to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings i

$3,500. The Quota for this Yearly Meeting is $595.00. We recommend that this sum be appropriated. We ask also that the Treasury of our own Committee be replenished not only by a collection to be raised in our Yearly Meeting, but also by efforts to be made in all our Monthly Meetings.

On behalf of the Committee
Wm C. Newhall
Chairman

Myra E. Frye, Secretary.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same Committee continued for service another year, with the exception of our late friend Meltiah Gifford, deceased, John Metcalfe, removed from the limits of this Yearly Meeting, and Hannah S. Wing, released upon her own request. The sum of $64.27 was raised by voluntary contribution and placed in the hands of the Committee, who are, viz:- William C. Newhall, Ellen K. Buffum, Augustine Jones, Rebecca Anthony, John J. Frye, Myra E. Frye, Joseph E. Briggs, Anthony M. Kimber, Asa C. Tuttle, Emeline H. Tuttle, Eli Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, Sarah D. Brown, Olney T. Meader, Sarah J. Swift, Frank E. Jones, Ruth-anna H. Nichols, Mary G. Winslow and Anna M. Gove.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions this afternoon at 4 O'clock.

Afternoon.- The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

41. In consequence of the absence of Charles B. Cates, the Member of the Standing Committee on Finance from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, occasioned by illness, the Representatives from that Quarterly Meeting propose William A. Jones, to serve the Meeting in that capacity; Which is approved by this Meeting.

42. The Report of the Committee on Bible Schools has now been read and is as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting

In presenting the Annual Report we feel that we have cause for thankfulness and encouragement in the work of the past year, and that each year the basis of Bible study is becoming stronger and more secure.

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How most effectually to reach the Bible Schools was to the Committee a serious question. One of the plans adopted was to co-operate with the Quarterly Conferences, and through them endeavor to increase the interest in the work, and improve the methods. Some of the Committee have assisted in Conferences in all the Quarterly Meetings, and we wish here to express our appreciation of the uniform kindness to the Bible School workers everywhere; also of the help of able essays furnished by some Friends not of the Committee.

The Committee are requested to interest themselves in helping the smaller Schools. A number of such schools have been visited and in some instances assistance rendered in regard to supplies, while several schools are still needing help.

Many schools were in a very prosperous condition. We have information from 10 schools that souls have been brought to Christ. In one as large a number as thirteen, in another six.

There is an increase of temperance work in our Schools, by way of pledges, papers and temperance concerts.

There seems to be a greater desire, among the children especially, to give for missionary purposes, and also for the benefit of their own Schools. In 38 schools, the Lesson Sheet prepared by Friends has been used.

We earnestly recommend that in the selection of books for our libraries preference may be given to those the tendency of which is to awaken an interest in and love for the best of all books, that the children may be in this way influenced to read and study the Bible, which is able to make wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

We recommend this important subject to your prayerful attention, and to the care of a Committee, and that a liberal sum be appropriated for their use.

S. Jane Cox
Secretary

Portland, 6th Mo 15th, 1885.

The following statistical Report has been received from the several Quarterly Meetings, viz:—

	No of Schools	No of Scholars	Average Attendance	Number of Friends
Rhode Island	8	486	366	199
Salem	9	414	280	222
Sandwich	10	466	299	187
Falmouth	10	504	307	276
Smithfield	7	266	156	93
Vassalboro	6	209	146	121
Dover	4	131	89	98
Fairfield	5	333	283	177
Totals	59	2.809	1.876	1.373

Financial Statement

Receipts

Collection taken at Newport	$64.61
From the Treasurer of Yearly Meeting	100.00
	$164.61

Expenditures

Postage and printing	$7.62
Supplies for small Schools	17.25
Expense of visiting Quarterly Conferences	15.00
" " " Schools and supplies furnished at time of visiting	50.50
Literature distributed	23.25
Express	1.75
Appropriated to assist in furnishing libraries	50.00
	$165.37

Olney T. Meader
Treasurer

Portland, Me. 6th Mo 13th, 1885.

The Report is acceptable to the Meeting. The Committee now under appointment, with the exception of John Metcalfe removed from our limits, is continued for further service another year, to which is added our Friends Herbert O. Aldrich, Smith B. Steere, Albert C. Hill, John S. Kimber, Charles E. Pearley, George B. Wing, Mary S. Wood, Ruthanna H. Nichols and Sarah A. Hill. The Committee are as follows, viz:— Charles W. Goddard, Olney T. Meader, R. H. Nichols Robert P. Gifford, Hannah S. Wing, George B. Wing, Frank E. Jones, Saloma C. Wheeler, Mary S. Wood,

Timothy B. Hussey, Harriet D. Collins, George C. Herbert, Lucy S. Herbert, George R. Wood, S. Jane Cox, Albert C. Hill, Smith B. Steere, Herbert O. Aldrich, H. Elisabeth Jones, Alice R. Purinton, Phebe W. Sawtelle, I. Warren Hawkes, Alice R. Cranston, John S. Kimber, Charles E. Peasley, and Sarah A. Hill.

43. The Committee on the subject of Peace have presented their Annual Report; viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

Your Committee on the subject of Peace report:— We are obliged to confess that our work for the past year has not been proportionate to the importance of the matter committed to our care.

Efforts were made in connection with several of the Quarterly Meetings to hold conferences on Peace, but in every instance we failed to accomplish our purpose, so that no public Meetings have been held during the year, We have, however, continued to disseminate Peace literature, and several members of the Committee have been engaged in their Ministry to dwell largely upon this important Gospel doctrine. Considerable personal work has been performed, especially with Ministers of other denominations.

In the decease of James P. Boyce, one of our valued members, we feel that we have sustained a severe loss; prompt; persevering and uncompromising, possessed of sound judgment; moral courage, and a keen sense of propriety, controlled ever by Christian principle, his influence for good was very great. We say of him: "He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him".

We have expended for literature for distribution, during the past year, the sum of $20. leaving a balance in our hands of $18,88.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Charles H. Jones.

Portland 6th Mo 16th, 1885 H. Elisabeth Jones.

P.S.— The Committee would propose that the sum of $50. be appropriated for the cause the coming year

The Report is satisfactory to this Meeting and we conclude to appoint our Friends Eli Jones, Asa C. Tuttle, William H. Perry, Albert C. Buffum and Charles H. Jones, on the part of this Meeting, a Committee to produce at a future sitting the names of suitable Friends to constitute a Committee on Peace, to whom the subject may be referred another year.

44. A Committee was appointed to nominate a Committee to whom the subject of selecting a suitable place and accommodations for holding the Yearly Meeting in 1887 may be referred, viz:- Anthony M. Kimber, Joseph Cartland, Richard Davis, John J. Frye, Richard Batty, John Jones, Albert C. Buffum and Henry Winslow.

45. The Committee appointed to consider the requests from Rhode Island, Sandwich and Falmouth Quarterly Meetings, Report as follows, Viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to consider the requests of Rhode Island, Sandwich and Falmouth Quarterly Meetings, report in relation to that from Rhode Island:- We recommend the insertion in that clause of the Discipline constituting Meetings on Ministry and Oversight after the words "Two years", in the fifteenth line, the words, "And their term of service shall expire by limitation in two years, unless they are reappointed", so the paragraph shall read, "The names of these are to be brought forward as in the case of the appointment of Elders, and the list shall be revised at least once in two years, and their term of service shall expire by limitation in two years unless they are reappointed.

As to the question from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, viz:- Do members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in moving from one Quarterly Meeting to another lose their membership in that Meeting? We answer, that with the exception of Ministers and Elders, they do.

To the question from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on nominal membership, we do not see the way clear to recommend any change in the Discipline.

For the Committee -- Timothy B. Hussey.
Mary Alice Gifford.

The Report is satisfactory to this Meeting and its recommendations are adopted.

46. The Committee to Audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, &c., have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, &c., have attended to that duty, and now report as follows, viz:-

Treasurer's General Account.

Receipts

Balance from last year's account.	$1,490.43
From sales of Books of Discipline.	26.00
Dividends National Eagle Bank, Providence	80.00
" on $600. in N. B. Five Cents Savings Bank	27.00
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	920.00
Salem " "	680.00
Sandwich " "	1,400.00
Falmouth " "	160.00
Smithfield " "	200.00
Vassalboro " "	200.00
Dover " "	160.00
Fairfield " "	280.00
	5.623.43

Payments.

Expenses of Yearly Meeting at Newport, 1884.	$760.65
Recording	60.00
Printing	322.20
Interest	35.00
Expressing, Postage, &c.,	12.44
Insurance	28.00
Associated Executive Committee on Indians	595.00
Committee on Bible Schools	100.00
" " Foreign Missions	750.00
" " Freedmen	800.00
" " North Carolina Mission	200.00
" " Temperance	200.00
" to aid Friends in the British Provinces	25.00
Balance now in the Treasurer's hands	1.735.1
	$5.623.4

Income of Boston Meeting House Fund.

Balance from last years account	$884.13
Received for coupons	450.00
" interest on Savings Bank deposit	42.79
	$1,376.92
Paid for rent of Wesleyan Hall, Boston	$350.00
Balance now in Treasurers hands	1.026.92
	$1,376.92

We recommend that Four Thousand Dollars be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting the ensuing year, and nominate George Howland, Jr., for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds.

By direction of the Committee

Owen Dame

Portland 6th Mo 15th 1885

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of four thousand dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and George Howland, Jr., is appointed Treasurer, and Thomas Harkness is appointed Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds. Our Several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed; and this Meeting also directs that it be paid into the Treasury on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

47. The Committee appointed to produce names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Foreign Missions, make the following report which is accepted, and they are accordingly appointed, viz:- Eli Jones, Rebecca H. Smiley, William Thompson, Susan L. Thompson, George Howland, Jr., Anna G. Wood, Charles M. Jones, Benjamin F. Knowles, S. Caroline Tobey, Ezra Hawkes, Alice W. Hawkes, Harriet D. Collins, Eliza Taber, Eliza P. Varney, Mary W. Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, Elizabeth K. Jones, Mary A. Chase, Huldah H. Leighton, Hannah J. Bailey, Addie F. Chace, Eli Jepson, Charles A. Chace, Phebe W. Sawtelle, Mabel G. Bailey, Ellwood A. Bailey, Ruthanna H. Nichols and Herbert A. Skinner.

Adjourned to meet at 10 O'clock to-morrow morning.

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Fourth day Morning the 17th. The Meeting again assembled.

48. The Committee appointed for that purpose propose the following named Friends to constitute a Committee on Peace, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and they are appointed accordingly, Viz:- Charles H. Jones, Benjamin F. Knowles, Asa C. Tuttle, Samuel R. Buffinton, Elisha Jones, Sarah J. Swift, Anna F. Hall, H. Elisabeth Jones, Hannah S. Wing and Annie M. Ray.

49. The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee to take into consideration the subject of accommodations for the Yearly Meeting in 1887, report the following named Friends, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and they are desired to take the subject into careful consideration and report to this Meeting next year, Viz:- Charles A. Chace, Robert P. Gifford, Olney T. Meader, Owen Dame, N. Hervey Wilbur, George Howland, Jr., Reuben T. Jones, Augustus F. Cox, Richard Battey, George F. Varney, Caleb Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Samuel Buffum, Asa C. Tuttle, Levi Jones, Henry Winslow, Ellen K. Buffum, Mary Alice Brown, Lydia C. Neal, Anna G. Wood, Rebecca H. Smiley, Anna F. Hall, Huldah H. Leighton, Mary A. Battey, Esther Osborne, Elizabeth K. Jones, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Lydia M.C. Tuttle, Gulielma M. Purinton, Hannah J. Bailey and Mary G. Winslow.

50. The Committee on Finance report as follows, Viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

We recommend that the following appropriations be made, Viz:-

For Associated Executive Com. on Indian Affairs -	$ 595.00
" Bible Schools	100.00
" Foreign Missions	750.00
" Freedmen	1.000.00
" Aid of Friends in British Provinces	50.00
" Temperance	200.00
" Peace	50.00
" Education	100.00
	$2.845.00

For the Com'e Owen Dame

The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the above appropriations are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for such sums of money as they may need in the prosecution of their various concerns, not exceeding the amount appropriated to each.

51. The Clerk is authorised to sign, on our behalf, the following Minute for our friend Stephen Taber, Viz:- "Stephen Taber, attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us;" and similar ones for Cornelius D. Barnes, John and Sarah W. Newlin, Jeremiah S. Cox, Lewi Cox, James R. Jones, Seth C and Huldah A. Rees, Caroline E. Talbot, Phebe Hoyle, Ann Gause, Susan Ratliff, Addison White, Evi Sharplers, Catherine Hoag and Frank Modoc.

52. The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend Mary Ann Potter, Viz:- "Mary Ann Potter attended this Meeting; her company has been acceptable to us;" and similar ones for Ann Hobson, Elisa H. White, Elisa J. Lindley and Abbie G. Mendenhall.

53. A letter was received from James W. Bashford, of the Methodist Conference of Maine, informing this Meeting that Wm F. Berry, of Woodfords, was appointed a delegate by that Conference at its last Session to convey fraternal greetings to this Meeting.

We regret that the delegate by some misunderstanding was unable to be present. We have appointed as delegates to that Conference to be held in Bridgton, Maine, next year, our friends Charles C. Varney, and Rebecca H. Smiley, and as substitutes Eli Jones and Ruth S. Murray.

The Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of the substance of this Minute.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 3,0'clock this afternoon

Afternoon - The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

54. We have with us at this time the company of our brother J.W. Parsons, bringing to us the salu-

tations of the Western Yearly Meeting of Free Baptists, now sitting in Portland. We are glad of the bond which unites us in Christian fellowship in Him "in whom the whole family in Heaven and earth is named". There may be differences of practice but the one grand object of all Christians should be to labor to restore upon the earth the New Testament type of Christianity. We appoint our friends Henry C. Aydelott, Wm Penn Macomber, Ruth S. Murray and Emeline H. Tuttle to attend the above Meeting with a copy of this Minute signed by our Clerks.

55 The following communication to the National Womans Christian Temperance Union was adopted by this Meeting, Viz:- The Yearly Meeting of Friends in New England, assembled in Portland, Maine 6th Mo 17th, 1885, would express their sympathy with the N. W. C. T. U. in their work, and desire their encouragement.

56. The Meeting was brought under an earnest concern that the Spirituality of the Gospel and its advocacy by Ministers and others, shall be maintained inviolate. The following Minute on the subject was directed to our Subordinate Meetings. We desire to protect our membership from all influences which are not in accordance with the clear testimony of our Religious Society and the teaching of the New Testament. We believe in the Spiritual nature of Christs Kingdom, and that all outward ceremonies have been fulfilled and ended in Christ.

This Meeting records its judgment for the guidance of its Subordinate Meetings, that those holding or teaching a contrary doctrine cannot be received as acceptable Ministers of the Society of Friends, within our limits.

57. Women Friends now withdrew and the Men proceeded with their business in a separate session.

58. We appoint the following Committee to make

all the necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet; who are now or may then be under appointment, Viz:- John F. Tucker, Samuel R. Buffinton, Levi Jones, Augustus F. Cox, George Douglas, Ezra Hawkes and Eli Jones.

59. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed: and the Clerks are directed to cause an edition of two thousand copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions, and Owen Dame and John Ellwood Paige are appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

60. Epistles to London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings, and a Joint Epistle to Brunnana Monthly Meeting, were read and approved; the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

61. We realise at this solemn parting moment, that another Annual Assembly of Friends for New England is brought to a close, and that many and varied have been the subjects which have claimed its attention. We remember that at our opening session it was our earnest desire, vocally expressed, that each subject brought before us might be carefully and prayerfully considered, and now we have thankfully to acknowledge that our loving Lord has been graciously pleased to be with us, and under the influence of His felt presence, we have been permitted to transact the affairs of the Church in much harmony and love.

We now conclude, proposing to meet again in Newport, R. I., on the Second Sixth-day of the Sixth Month, next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William D. Newhall
Clerk

Yearly Meeting Correspondents are George Howland, Jr. & Joseph Cartland

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Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, Sixth Month 1885.

To London.

Dear friends.

Through the continued mercy of our Heavenly Father, we have again been permitted to assemble in a Yearly Meeting capacity, and among the friendly greetings which have come to us from our sister Yearly Meetings, is your Epistle of 5th Mo last. It seems to us that this interchange of epistolary correspondence, is one of the golden links which bind us together, as brethren in the Lord Jesus Christ, and we trust it may ever continue as a channel through which we may receive messages of encouragement and counsel one from another.

As our several Committees have made their reports of the years work, and we have realized that the Lords blessing has rested upon each in its respective field, our hearts have been humble before Him, under a sense of his great goodness, and mercy to us his dependent children.

We rejoice with you that you have been spared the horrors of war with Russia, and would unite in laboring to bring about the time when "Nations shall learn war no more".

The growing interest among our members in both Home and Foreign Mission work, is cheering. The labors of our evangelistic Committee who have been at work within our own borders, as we trust, under the Headship of our Heavenly Father, have been much blessed; many have been brought to a knowledge of the truth, as it is in Jesus, and added to the church.

In these days when so many isms are abroad in the world, and the tendency of the age so strong towards outward forms and ceremonies, we feel it is the duty of our Society, to give no uncertain sound upon these things; Christ and him crucified the only Savior of lost men, should be our theme continually; and his baptism is that of fire and the Holy Ghost.

Only by being cleansed in his precious blood and baptised by His Holy Spirit, can we become members of the household of faith, and co-laborers with Him, for the salvation of the world.

We trust that you with ourselves, as stewards of the manifold grace of God, may be faithful in thus presenting the truth as it is in Jesus.

Finally may we all glorify God, through Christ Jesus, who is head over all things to His Church.

With the salutation of love we are your friends and brethren in Christ.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William O. Newhall
Clerk

To Ireland.

Dear friends.

Having again met in our annual assembly to transact the affairs of our branch of the Church, we desire to send you the salutation of love and brotherly greeting, and to remind you that we are still living in the hope and the love of the Gospel of Christ, and that it so abounds with us that it prompts us to extend a word of sympathy to our brethren in your distant land.

We have been enabled to transact the business of the Church with a large degree of Christian fellowship and have been reminded of the words of the Psalmist "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

As the various subjects have come before us, it has been interesting to note the difference of feeling, from what has previously been manifested among us, as those of Missions, Temperance &c. While it used to be needful to speak of Temperance very cautiously now, nothing short of Total Abstinence will be accepted with favor. Indeed we find when these things are brought to the light of truth, The old-time caution is utterly useless, and the laying aside of our own wills and desires and seeking only to know and to do the will of our Father in Heaven, clears our vision wonderfully on many things which have been much mystified.

Our Home and Foreign Mission

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work, have assumed larger proportions the past year than previously, and the results have proved encouraging as many have been thus brought into the fold of Christ, than which, nothing is more enlivening to the living members of the Church.

We were glad to notice in your Epistle that you too were interested in the work of saving the perishing — "He that turns many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever".

May you with us be encouraged to do what we can for our erring brethren, remembering that we too were once no better than they, and our having found the Savior, should endeavor to show others the way and tell them of our happiness herein. How often are we reminded of the expression of the Apostle, "we know we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren", and we find too the verification of the experience of the good Samaritan, that we are ready to help any that are willing to be helped, however poor, or despised by the world they may be. May we all be kept in that state of humility in which we will be ready at all times to "do it unto the least of His brethren."

Finally dear friends we may say that we have had a good time together, and with thankful hearts can praise the name of our God for His wonderful love and mercy to us in thus bringing us again together with such a goodly number of Ministers from other Yearly Meetings, who have preached to us in the demonstration of the Spirit and with power, The full Gospel as set forth by the Savior and His apostles, that we may know Christ to be the Alpha and Omega, with our will entirely subjected to His Divine will endeavoring to know and do all His will concerning us.

May the Heavenly Shepherd keep his arm around you and gently lead you on the heavenward journey, and at last when He shall say it is enough gather you and us together around His throne to sing His praise forever more.

With the salutation of love we

are your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.
William C. Newhall
Clerk

To New York.

Dear friends.

Your Epistle of last Month has be received and read on this occasion with similar greetings from the other Yearly Meetings with which we coresspond.

We have also at this time a goodly number of ministers of the Gospel including some from your Yearly Meeting, whose company and services have been comforting and edifying to us.

We are thankful to say that these Ambassadors for Christ proclaim among us a full salvation from the guilt and power of sin. We believe that the precious doctrine of Sanctification by faith in the Lord Jesus is an important element of true Quakerism which as you say, we recognise to be, "primitive Christianity revived".

We accept all the distinctive doctrines of our religious Society which you mention, but consider that the fundamental principles of the Apostolic Church out of which these grew are of primary importance. The baptism of the Holy Ghost we consider is the privilege of all true believers in our Lord and Savior and none of us should rest satisfied without it as a definite experience. "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?". this scriptural appeal has been pressed upon us in our Meetings for Worship and Discipline, considering that the most important attainment of the Church is the sanctification of its membership.

We are thankful to add that in our devotional Meetings many of our Friends both older and younger have testified to this spiritual blessing as a definite experience, and we trust that many more may be qualified with true humility to apprehend and confess it. "Whosoever will let him take the water of Life freely". We sometimes hear this quoted, "let him come and take

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it," but not so is it written. If they will not come promptly at the invitation of our Lord's messengers, it may be that after going hence or on the way the Holy Spirit may bring to their remembrance these Divine truths. But now is the accepted time the only time we can call our own, the past and the future belong alike to the Eternal God.

We are glad to hear that you are so much interested in Home and Foreign Mission work, and thankful also to report that it is so among us. Our Women's Foreign Mission Society which is only one year old, now numbers about six hundred members, their annual Meeting was large and enthusiastic.

We have been much interested in Evi Sharpless and his work, or rather, the Lord's work in the island of Jamaca, only regretting that we could not take a share in it at this time.

Our Committee on Western Indians has a little Mission besides contributing to the Association work. We have enjoyed the company of Frank Modoc, who is attending Oak Grove Boarding School.

We received a delegate from the Congregational Conference of the State of Maine, and appointed two of our Friends to visit their annual Meeting at Lewiston according to their invitation.

Our Boarding School at Providence is we trust truly prosperous, being successful not only in literary and esthetic culture, but in its more important department of Christian morality and Spiritual religion.

In conclusion we cordially reciprocate your salutation of Christian love, and remain your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William A. Newhall
Clerk

To Baltimore

Dear friends.

The reading of your Epistle of 11th Month last has brought strength and encouragement to our hearts. It prompts us to a renewed sense of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the precious inheritance he has bestowed upon us as a distinct branch of his Militant Church. We feel united with you in the quickening power of the blessed Holy Spirit, again to present ourselves before the Lord in supplication with thanksgiving, and in this fellowship our prayer may be found in the words of the Psalmist, "Return we beseech thee Oh God of Hosts, look down from heaven and behold and visit this vine and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself." May each member of His Church be found a living sacrifice before Him, and may our work and service ever be a living testimony to the mediation and priesthood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In the ministry of our dear friends visiting us in Gospel love from other Yearly Meetings, we have been renewedly called to faithfulness in little things, especially in regard to what we may call the helps.

Under the directions given through Moses we find it was impossible to construct the Tabernacle unless those who had the care of the pins and sockets were faithful to their trusts. A concern was expressed that we might not be overburdened with anxious thoughts regarding the future of the Church, but exercise more faith in Him who promised, "Lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world."

The Reports of our various Commitees on Home and Foreign Mission work have encouraged us to continue the same in each department, rejoicing not only in the results as reported, but in the blessing upon our own members of harmonious labor in gathering unto Christ.

Our interest in Gospel work on behalf of our Western Indians has been brought very near to our hearts by the acceptable company and Christian services of Frank Woodcock. He bears to us a certificate of unity with him as

a Minister of the Gospel from Grand River Monthly Meeting of Friends in the Indian Territory, and has a prospect of spending a season at one of our Boarding Schools, that he may be better qualified to continue his Gospel work among the Indian tribes as the Lord may direct.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William O. Newhall
Clerk

To North Carolina

Dear friends.

In acknowledging the receipt of your Epistle at this time, our hearts are warmed by the renewed expression of loving interest it contains.

We too feel that in this our Annual gathering we have been graciously blessed by the living presence of the Lord; under whose guidance we have been favored to transact the business of the Church in harmony; and we trust to the honor of His ever worthy name.

We rejoice to learn that the several departments of Church work are prospering in your borders giving evidence that He under whose name you have enlisted still leads his own and prospers them in every good cause.

The different branches of work in which we are engaged have been prosecuted with usual interest; and by reports from our various Committees we are encouraged in the belief that our efforts are being blessed by the Lord, who only can give the increase, and to whom we do cheerfully render all the honor.

Our Temperance work is unusually cheering. One large Quarterly Meeting reporting for the first time entirely clear of the use of intoxicating drinks, and another so clear as to except only one instance of the use of cider. Thanks be to our Heavenly Father for such a record; and may His blessing continue

upon the work, and the time soon come when we as a Society can stand before the world clean handed in this matter.

A marked increase of interest in Home and Foreign Mission work is apparent, which we believe, will result in bringing a blessing upon us, remembering that "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord, and that which he hath given will he pay him again." And realising "that it is more blessed to give than to receive", we are endeavoring to promote a lively interest with both old and young to give liberally for the advancement of our Redeemers cause in the earth.

We are glad to say that our Bible School work continues to prosper, and that the "prime object", that of winning souls to Christ, and so upbuilding the Church, is more and more claiming the attention of our teachers and workers in this very important subject; and we feel, that with this object only in view, we shall not fail to receive our Heavenly Fathers rich blessing on our efforts.

We have been cheered by the presence of a goodly number of the Lords messengers affording us another evidence of our loving Fathers continued care and interest, amongst whom were three from your Yearly Meeting.

As their faithful labors have been a blessing to us, we desire that they also may be blessed thereby, and that in watering they may be watered too, and permitted to return with the reward of peace in their hearts.

With a salutation of love, earnestly desiring your continued prosperity in every good work, and that the Lords rich blessing may ever be yours, we subscribe ourselves your brothers in Christ.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.
William O. Newhall
Clerk

To Ohio

Dear friends.

Again the Lord has permitted us to assemble in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, and in accordance

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with the established custom we send you our annual Epistle.

We are glad that on the question of Temperance, our efforts lie in the same direction. Our discussions at this time have shown that the Friends appreciate its importance more than in the past, and the position assumed by us is in advance of that of last year.

While we acknowledge the Temperance work to be of importance, we know that the salvation of the soul is of more importance, inasmuch as one may abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks and even be a moral man, without having his soul washed by the blood of the crucified one. However we think that a true follower of our Lord must be temperate in all things.

It is with pleasure that we can report to you an increase in our membership during the past year, which, although not large in number, yet when we find the per cent of increase, it will compare favorably with other Yearly Meetings. We have been encouraged by this and also by the increased interest taken in evangelistic work by our members. While the same interest has not prevailed in all parts of the Yearly Meeting, yet taken as a whole the report shows more work accomplished and a larger number of professed conversions.

A live Church is composed of live members who are reaching out after the lost.

Home and Foreign Missions as in the past, have engaged our attention. The Women's Foreign Mission Board, which was organised one year ago, has increased in membership and will be a valuable aid in sending the Gospel to the ends of the Earth.

We have present with us Ministers of the Gospel from various parts of the United States and Canada several are from your Yearly Meeting. Their labors have been acceptable and encouraging to us, and we believe that some have been led up to a higher plane of Christian living.

In closing we will unite our

prayer with yours, that we may so follow the Lord Jesus that when He shall come to judge the quick and the dead we may hear Him say, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

With the salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Indiana

Dear friends.

Your loving Epistle, with similar ones from other Yearly Meetings, should renewedly fill our hearts with gratitude to our Father in Heaven, by whose grace we are brought near to each other in Christian fellowship.

A goodly number of the Lord's messengers from other Yearly Meetings are acceptably with us at this time. They are laboring in the love of the Gospel to promote the growth of the Master's kingdom in our hearts and among men. To be a Church, bringing forth acceptable fruit unto our Lord, each member must be alive in Christ.

Most of our reports from the various fields of our labors are encouraging, showing that the good Master is present, to give ability to His trusting children, and to bless their services in gathering to Him who is the Head of the Church.

The Boarding School at Providence has been prosperous. The health of the students and other inmates of the Institution has been good. The deep interest taken by some of the students in the religion of the Lord Jesus, is manifested in their willingness to comply with the good regulations of the School.

The Seminary at Oak Grove in Maine was reopened last fall, and well supplied with pupils, receiving more applicants in the Spring term than could well be accommodated. The religious interest manifested among the students has been gratifying. All the pupils in the girls department, had, at the close of the school, entered the path that leads to the Master's kingdom.

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The living members of the Church, as they live near to the Lord, are beginning to see the importance of having in our Institutions of learning, christian men and women for teachers, who, in connection with the higher officers, will be as earnest in leading their pupils to Christ, as they are to impart intellectual culture.

As we strengthen each other in this belief, and labor trustingly in the strength of the Lord, all our institutions of learning will be greatly blessed and our young men and women on leaving our seats of instruction will be better qualified to respond to the parting words of our Lord and Master to his disciples and the Church when he said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature", and His promise is, to be with His commissioned ones unto the end. And as the Master requires His disciples, who had been listening to His instruction for about three years, to tarry at Jerusalem until they were endued with power to enter upon the commission, it may be well for the believers in our day to be found earnestly seeking and watching, and in service waiting, for endowment with power, that the one great purpose of the Church and its living members may be accomplished in leading souls to Christ.

And now may we every where press on in full faith, that if we faint not, we shall obtain the prize of knowing Christ within, to be our strength, and hope of glory, no longer children of the night but of the day, walking in the light of His life, believing that He hath by himself purged our sins and sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high, sending forth the promised spirit to convict the world of sin, and give to His faithful children the blessed experience of knowing what it is to sit together in heavenly places.

May the love of Christ abound richly in your hearts.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

William A. Newhall
Clerk

To Western.

Dear Friends.

We greet you as members of the same

branch of Christ's Church and as brethren in Him.

We praise God for the heartfelt sympathy that always exists between His children everywhere and that the nearer we come to Him, the stronger becomes the bond of our union and sweeter the fellowship of His saints, as evidences of this bond we prize these fraternal greetings.

As we have come together in this our annual Meeting, we have much reason to thank God for the rich and bountiful blessings the past year, not only in an increase of membership but much more for the evident growth in divine life and more devotion to our dear Redeemer's cause.

As our Society in the past has been foremost in philanthropy and moral reform we are rejoiced to see the same spirit manifest to-day, and that our philanthropy has become evangelistic and our works of moral reform based on salvation through the precious blood of Christ, especially is this noticable in our efforts to promote total abstinence from the use of all intoxicating drinks, a work in which we, as a body, are taking a deep interest, but while we have gained many victories in this conflict, we find there are many more to be won, and we would unite hand and heart with you in a persistent effort to crush out this gigantic evil.

Our Committee on Temperance has presented a very interesting report, as also those of Bible Schools, Evangelistic Work and Indian and Foreign Missions; all report successful work in the name of Christ.

The great and divine truth of sanctification has been pressed home to us at this time and we think many are coming up to the Gospel standard in this matter.

Cheered by past victories, rejoicing in present blessing, and hopeful of the future, we with you feel to press forward through sunshine and storm trusting in the promise of our Savior, till on that glorious, eternal, thanksgiving day we greet all of Father's children, in our heavenly home. In Him farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting. William C. Newton
Clerk

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To Iowa.

Dear friends.

We greet you in the love of Christ. We rejoice to recognise you as brethren of the one Heavenly Father, entitled to the privileges and blessings of the household of faith. How unspeakable are his mercies; How full, how wonderous the grace that redeems from sin and keeps the object of divine love from falling.

The completeness of Gods salvation in Jesus Christ is not only a theme of admiration, but places the believing soul upon high vantage ground in his earthly life, with rich and cheering assurances concerning the life beyond.

In the experience of the divine blessing we are led to magnify the name of the Lord. The bond of brotherhood is precious. How strong the obligation to perpetuate and strengthen our Christian ties, that in the unity of the Spirit, even "the bond of peace," and being clad in the heavenly armor, we become the Lords conquering people, our victories in Jesus as they succeed one another through the continued exercise of our faith in Him, result in a helpful discipline for the disciples so that the once seemingly arduous and difficult becomes easy and delightful service; and though trial is sometimes the lot of the individual Christian and the Church, the declaration of Holy Scripture, "That the trial of your faith being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, tho it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ;" prompts us to constancy to Christian service. We are now as in the ante-room. When the door of the Heavenly Mansion shall open wide to admit those who are now the Masters toiling pilgrims, will be fulfilled the fondly cherished thought, that beyond our conception is the rich provision of his grace.

The subjects usually demanding attention at our annual gathering have been considered by us.

Many of our reports are

cheering and satisfactory. The labor of the evangelistic Committee bears the impress of the Divine blessing. There are more accessions to our membership through that agency during the past year than reported at any previous time.

Our Bible School work has received its usual share of attention, and the conditions of our Schools and the interest manifested are encouraging to us. While the general Mission work of the Church in Home and Foreign fields has not been neglected.

A goodly number of the Lords messengers from other Yearly Meetings have been with us at this time, among them Evi Sharpless of your Yearly Meeting. Their presence and services have been a blessing to many.

With renewed thankfulness for all our favors and with the prayer that the unslumbering Shepherd may continue His care over us and our beloved brethren Elsewhere, and that as a Yearly Meeting you may continue to exalt Him, who is worthy of all exaltation and praise.

We remain yours in the fellowship of the Gospel of Christ.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Wm C. Newhall

Clerk

To Canada

Dear friends.

We salute you in love, with that love we trust which longs for your present and eternal welfare. We deeply sympathise with you in your trials, and can but point you to the Unslumbering Shepherd of Israel — to our God and your God, Who will never leave nor forsake his trusting dependent children, but will indeed arise and prove himself to be unto them, Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God — The Everlasting Father — The Prince of Peace, and as they abide in Him, of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. We have been greatly comforted and encouraged by the Epistles brought before us at this time from the different Yearly Meetings and

desires have been kindled in our hearts that we may come up to a higher standard, that we do not let go our hold, nor let slip lightly the things which we have heard, but rather give the more earnest heed. For we realise that time is short. That eternity is long. That the night cometh when no man can work.

We rejoice at the life and zeal which are apparent in many branches of our Church, and we desire to return words of cheer, that by our mutual faith, we may comfort you with the comfort where with we are comforted, and bid you God speed in every good word and work knowing that your labor in love will not be in vain in the Lord.

We have with us at this time quite a number of ministers from other Yearly Meetings whose presence and counsel we accept with thankfulness from our Heavenly Father whose tender mercies are over all His works.

And the hearts of the aged have been made to rejoice as they have beheld so many of the young ready to come forward and with fresh and willing hearts present themselves before the Lord and His people, ready to do the Master's will, and it is to such as these that we must look for the future, realizing that the mantle must soon fall from many of those who now bear the burden and heat of the day.

We cannot overestimate the importance of this early education of the children when their young hearts so easily drink in the truths of the Gospel and the love of Jesus, and may they not only be able to give a reason for the hope that is in them, but also for the distinctive views of the Society to which they belong, that they may grow up to the full stature of men and women in the Lord.

We have been encouraged at this our annual gathering with the prospect before us as we have had to record the increasing interest and progress made in many of the concerns of the Church, especially in our Evangelistic work

and in the cause of Temperance or rather Total-abstinence.

The tide has turned and instead of recording a decrease in our membership the balance is on the other side.

Our Home and Foreign Mission work too, is assuming larger proportions and increasing interest.

The business brought before us has been transacted in much harmony, forbearing oneanother in love. In all of which we magnify and praise His holy name.

Finally, brethren, farewell, we commend you to the loving care of Him who alone is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William O. Newhall
Clerk

To Kansas.

Dear friends.

Your Epistle addressed to us last autumn has been received as we are assembled in this pleasant summer month in the City of Portland, and we desire to return to you our salutation of love and Christian fellowship.

Here in this Forest City of Maine Neal Dow framed the first prohibitory liquor law, and with his friends, stood up, with great courage against a fearful opposition; and here he still resides, to cheer and assist the Friends and others in keeping up the high moral sentiment, which makes the law effective.

In this city the poet Longfellow spent his youth and early manhood, forming a character which afterwards blossomed forth in pure and refreshing words of poetry, so familiar to the English speaking people the world over.

A few steps from where we are gathered, Edward Payson preached with great power, Sixty years ago from his Congregational pulpit, and though he died at the age of forty-four, he left the

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impress of himself upon the community, by his spoken words, his clear writings, and above all, by his devoted upright life.

Four years ago, at the time of our Yearly Meeting there was also assembled here a large company of Congregational Ministers in Conference. With their characteristic dignity, this Church of the Puritans sent one of their number to our Meeting with a message of love and interest from them. This was appropriately responded to, by a delegation to visit them, and at each succeeding year, some similar token of christian fellowship has been renewed and reciprocated; this pleasant interchange seems worthy of thought, in contrast with the relations of these two sections of God's people in former days.

The Friends have at this time preached an unfettered Gospel of peace, from the pulpits of this denomination and others, to the blessing of hearers.

The Gospel message throughout our Meetings has been clear and unequivocal. It has been a call to purity and holiness of life; to crucifixion of self, and the putting on of Christ, that we may be blameless and harmless.

The natural heart seems ever asking "Is not this ground beyond our reach", But to the inner consciousness of the earnest heart, the Lord seems ever to say "I have set the standard for thee the example of self sacrifice — Take no other — My grace is sufficient for thee. I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. Fear not."

We have had no marked outward manifestation of Divine power in revival in our limits in the past year. But there seems to have been much quiet earnest work done, the fruit of which, we can see in the life and power in some of our small Meetings; in the better support of the Gospel ministry in our larger Meetings; in an increase of interest in Missionary work, and in a united desire to proclaim by life and word the simple gospel gathering and building up, in the progressive life and power of our Lord.

In humble acknowledgment of our Heavenly Father's mercy, and goodness, we can look over our membership and say, that there are consecrated lives amongst us, and we desire trustingly to labor, and patiently to wait, assuredly believing that fruit will be borne in the Lords good time, to His glory.

We are glad of the company of a Minister from your Yearly Meeting, our friend Frank Modve, who seems to join with us from his heart, in saying "I am so glad that Jesus loves me".

Now, while we pray that your fertile prairies may be preserved from the grasshoppers and the drouth, we also pray that the blight of unbelief or worldly discord may never lay waste Gods heritage in your hearts. And while we desire that your corn and wheat may yield an abundant increase, we more earnestly desire an abundance of the fruit of the Spirit, developing Christian character, and by an ever increasing growth and reproduction, adding to the Lords garner such as should be saved. And as you plant the seed, and till the soil, and destroy the weeds, and await the action of the sunshine and rain from above, so may we, and you, do all our duty in the Spiritual harvest-field, and patiently trust the work to the sunshine of Gods love, and the showers of His grace, knowing that it is God who giveth the increase.

Desiring that your correspondence may be continued to us for our mutual building-up in the things which are pure, and true, and lovely, and of good report, we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William O. Newhall
Clerk

To Bruniana Monthly Meeting.

Dear friends.

As we have come together at this our annual Meeting and our souls have been refreshed by the presence of the Lord, our hearts have turned in loving remembrance to you who are not privileged thus to assemble.

While our gracious Heavenly Father, does not accord to all His children the same privileges, yet we may rest in the assurance, "That He will supply

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all our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus".

How precious, how full of comfort, must the dear Lords promise to His followers be, who leave all for His sake and gospels, to those among you, who have left all you most tenderly love, and the homes endeared by so many associations, because the love of Christ constrained you.

May we never fail to remember that it is our privilege to aid you in your arduous labors and lives of self-denial, by our substance, our sympathy and our prayers. And you to whom the Gospel has indeed been glad tidings, whose lives it has brightened, and to whom it has given new purposes for life, and new hopes for the future, most affectionately we greet you.

May the love of Christ which constrained others to carry the Gospel to you, constrain you to carry it to those who are yet in degredation and darkness.

The Epistle from Baumana Monthly Meeting has been received at this time and read with much interest, and the Reports of the various branches of work on Mount Lebanon distributed among our members.

While we rejoice that the children are instructed in sound christian principles, the sick tenderly cared for in soul and body, and the Gospel preached to all, yet we have been brought into close sympathy with you in your manifold trials, and perplexities.

Our prayer for you is, that your faith fail not, Though you may be troubled on every side and perplexed, yet may you neither despair, nor be distressed; though persecuted, you will not be forsaken, neither destroyed if cast down, if so be the life of Jesus be manifest in you.

Remember it is the Lords work, and He will carry it on through all difficulties and discouragements to His own honor and glory.

We do especially desire to uphold and strengthen you in the work of

Educating and elevating the women of your land, and we believe the Girls Training Home, and the Friends Hospital will be largely instrumental in the Lord's hand in accomplishing this result.

May the dear Lord hasten the day, when the word of Truth may not only be proclaimed from Mount Lebanon, but on every hill top and in every valley throughout the length and breadth of the land, made holy to every Christian heart by the most sacred associations.

We most earnestly desire that many women may be raised up among you who will be sharers in the good work and bear to thousands the glad message which May took to the disciples on the resurrection morning, "I have seen the Lord."

Our dear and honored friend Eli Jones is with us at this time, feeling the weight of years, and the infirmities of age, but foremost in every good work, and valiantly fighting the battles of the Lord. May he long be spared to help us with his counsel, and strengthen us with his prayers.

And now may "our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall
"Anna L. Wood"
} Clerks

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Minutes 1886

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport, R. I., commencing on Sixth day, Sixth Month 4th, 1886.

2. By the Reports received from the several Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:

From Rhode Island — Anthony M. Rhodes, Charles T. Chase, Darius Baffington, Lindley C. Hazlett, Stephen [illegible], Edward Tennant, Albert C. Gifford, George W. Chace, [illegible], Walter Chace and Charles B. Earle.

From Salem — Owen Dame, Moses Huntington, William C. Nichols, Daniel L. Mansfield, Thomas Wood, Clay T. Meader, Joshua Buxton, Charles H. Thorndike and Peter M. Neal.

From Dartmouth — [illegible], Joseph Lowe, Ephraim Gifford, Edward S. Willingham, Stephen K. Wing, Gideon Gifford, David K. Atkin, Arnold G. Tripp, Albert B. Saber, Thomas A. Tripp, N. Harvey Wilbur and [illegible] R. Wood.

From Falmouth — Charles W. Webber, Reuben S. Jones, [illegible] Hawkes, Silas H. Cartland, George [illegible], John J. [illegible], Charles W. [illegible], Charles A. Nichols, Arnold G. Goddard, Augustus F. Cox, Albert F. Minot and [illegible] S. Hacker.

From [illegible] — William Nichols, [illegible], [illegible] and Bailey, James C. Inman, Paul A. Rands, [illegible] [illegible] and Thomas T. Ellis.

From Vassalboro — Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Harvard A. Jenkins, William H. Coles, William A. Jones, [illegible] Jones and Thomas C. Pierce.

From [illegible] — Timothy B. Hussey, Elias Hussey, [illegible] Hussey, John R. [illegible], William [illegible], William P. Jenkins and Job Varney.

From [illegible] — Jared C. Briggs, George Simpson, [illegible] Rhodes, Rufus Hoag, Lyman Coles and [illegible] Hoag.

Their names being called, they were all present except seven, for the absence of four of whom sufficient [illegible]

and religious engagements amongst us.

5. The subject of forwarding our friends in attendance of this Yearly Meeting from the Yearly Meetings to be returning Minutes of unity should often for it is proposed to the following Yearly Meetings, viz: Gilead, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Canada, Genesee, Western, Baltimore, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Wilmington

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[illegible] concurrence with the question of Indian Affairs,' has claimed our attention, and it is concluded to refer it unchanged to the Yearly Meeting, with the request that any Friend or Friends desirous of information on the subject, may address the Secretary of the Committee;" which was concluded to refer to the following named Friends to unite with the Indian Committee of Women Friends, and report at the next quarterly Meeting, viz:— William Hallowell, Edward H. Thomas, Isaac Wood, William S. Jones, Timothy K. Tomlinson, Thomas Wistar, Samuel Allen and Edwin C. Gillingham.

9. The following Resolutions from Falmouth and Vassalboro Quarterly Meetings are referred to the united Representatives in Attendance of this Meeting, viz: From Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, "This Meeting is united in asking that the Yearly Meeting be held in Portland Me. next year; also in requesting that the word 'Friends' be omitted from the 4th Query." And from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, "This Meeting is united in asking that the Yearly Meeting may be held in Portland Me. in 1887."

10. The following changes have occurred in our Monthly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz:—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Anson H. Perry and Daniel Wing to the station of Elder, and the addition of two Friends as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; also with Newport Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Samuel Chace to the station of Elder; and has also united with the same Monthly Meeting in releasing Charles A. Chace from the station of Elder upon his request; with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Benjamin F. Brownell to the station of Elder; and with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth N. Perry and Hannah Watson to the same station. Benjamin Hadwen is an Elder and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting [illegible]

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[illegible] and Minister and Member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting [illegible] it has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in [illegible] acknowledging the gift and approving the [illegible] ministry of Charles W. Goddard, and in the appointment of Mary H. Jones, [illegible]

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Edwin G. Moore to the Station of Elder, and that Rebecca A. Gifford, an Elder and Member of the same Monthly Meeting, died 12th Mo 10th 1885, aged 77 years 3 mos and 5 days; that [illegible], a Minister and Member of said Monthly Meeting, died 6th Mo 14th 1885, aged 81 years 4 mos [illegible]

[illegible] Meeting

[illegible] for worship to be held on First-day at 10.30 A. M. and on Fifth-day at 7 P. M.; that it has united with Monthly Meeting in the appointment of James Upton and Eleanor Wood to the station of Elder; also with the said Monthly Meeting in a minute of the following tenor: "Monthly Meeting this day [illegible] Worship in Sandwich, there to be held at the [illegible] of the Friends' Christian Association, on First-day at 10.30 A. M., and on Fourth-day at 7.30 P. M.; also a Preparative Meeting, to be held on Seventh-day following the first Mid-week Meeting in each Month, at 4 P. M.

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[illegible] Monthly Meeting reports that it has united with [illegible] Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the [illegible] ministry of [illegible] A. Briggs, to the station of Elder.

[illegible] Monthly Meeting reports that it has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the [illegible] ministry of [illegible] Goodland; and in the appointment of William H. Coates, Etta S. Coates and Lydia J. Robinson, to the station of Elder; and with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth R. Jones to the same station; and in the addition of 2 members to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Burton D. Tinsley, a minister and member of Farmington Monthly Meeting, died [illegible]

[illegible] Monthly Meeting reports that it has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the [illegible] ministry of William C. Lowe; and that the time of holding Dover Monthly Meeting has been changed to the Fourth day before the second [illegible] day in each month; that Jacob K. [illegible], an Elder and member of Dover Monthly Meeting, died 1st mo 1st 1886, aged 78 years 11 months and 29 days; and that Ira J. Jenkins has been appointed correspondent of Dover Monthly Meeting, in place of Jacob K. Perinton deceased — Address, Dover, N. H.

[illegible] Monthly Meeting reports that it has united with [illegible] Monthly Meeting, [illegible] and that Sarah Sherman, an Elder and member of the [illegible] Monthly Meeting, died 7th mo 25th 1885, aged 78 [illegible]

aged 69 years, 9 [illegible]

11. [illegible] reported that [illegible] appointed [illegible] to attend the Meeting this [illegible]

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon met pursuant to adjournment.

12. Wm. Rotch Wanton, Jr., on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing Wm A. Truthall, for Clerk, and Sidney A. Peirce and Daniel C. Mansfield, for Assistant Clerks, which nominations being duly considered, they were severally appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

13. In consequence of the absence of [illegible] Quarterly Meeting, considerable [illegible] and Isaiah Hoffman to that Committee for the ensuing [illegible] Quarterly Meeting.

14. The following Statement, obtained from the [illegible] was then read, and is entered viz:—

Rhode Island	718	0	0	2	13	1	4	61	7	10	0	771
Salem	613	0	1	3	71	9	10	9	3	0	18	137
[illegible]	634	0	0	6	20	3	0	1	3	0	17	684
Falmouth	161	0	0	5	10	11	11	28	9	14	0	249
Smithfield	185	2	0	1	10	0	0	4	0	0	1	203
Vassalboro	180	0	3	3	15	10	0	22	5	3	0	241
Dover	284	0	0	0	10	0	0	9	3	0	7	313
Fairfield	274	0	0	1	7	0	11	12	0	21	0	326
Total	4520	2	4	20	166	57	43	169	37	48	41	1607
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15. The [illegible] Meeting of the Meeting [illegible] at Rhode Island [illegible] the Annual Report [illegible] the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on the Boarding

[illegible] in again [illegible] Sept 1, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Receipts.

[illegible]	[illegible]
" [illegible]	184.10
[illegible]	[illegible]
" [illegible]	1,353.10
[illegible] of the "School Fund"	5,842.38
	$49,757.52

Expenses.

For [illegible]	20,182.40
" Wages	[illegible]
" [illegible]	[illegible]
" Repairs and renewals	3,353.63
" [illegible]	[illegible]
" Fuel	[illegible]
" Light	[illegible]
" Papers and Periodicals	93.92
" Incidentals	924.91
" [illegible]	254.10
" Improvements	231.60
" [illegible] Tax for 1884.	2,755.65
	$49,205.69

Net profit for one year's work (over taxes and all other expenses)

$49,757.52

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by an Infirmary Council. An additional set of Lamps [illegible] the Portrait Room which have been fitted in the Evening by the Indoor Staff.

In the 12th Month last, the Committee on Medical Relief [illegible] the Matter of a System of Electric Bells, by which a communication could be established throughout the several Wards, thus expeditating it in any case of the Attendants of the Patients in their absence from the Wards to Meetings, Meals &c. [illegible] Visiting Days, and communicating the usual Amount of Work in as many Rooms. The Cost of this improvement has been £474. of which the sum of £300 was donated for the purpose by [illegible] Jones.

As was foreshadowed in our last report, the Bust of Elizabeth Fry [illegible] Providence in the 8th Month last, the unveiling of [illegible] 25th Month.

It may not be generally known that the means for procuring and placing in position this [illegible] beautiful work of art were donated by Ella J. [illegible] of Boston. It is true the Subject was already indebted [illegible] to the munificence of this Lady in the year 1881, [illegible] "Elizabeth Fry Fund", the income of which is, by the terms of the gift, to be forever appropriated for the Education of "children not in affluence".

The unveiling of the Bust was an occasion of very great interest, as was indicated by the presence of the large company gathered in Women's Hall on that beautiful afternoon. The most peculiar feature of it being that it was in every sense a "woman's celebration," not a male voice being heard on the Rostrum during the public proceedings. To say that it was a success is superfluous.

The Bust stands on a beautifully wrought [illegible] highly polished pedestal of Tennessee Marble, in the South West Corner of Women's Hall, [illegible] of John Comly, with the Inscription: John G. Whittier [illegible] Born.

The following extract from the Minutes of the Committee, Meals and their Attendants in the 12 Month last

Extract from Minutes:

The Committee was informed that Rebecca Wistar Morris, deceased, late a member of the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia, Spruce Street, a resident of Germantown, had bequeathed to this Yearly Meeting, a donation from Library of Friends. The Committee was fully satisfied that the deceased was actuated by a desire to promote the welfare of the Society, and directed that a minute be prepared to be forwarded to the Executors, expressive of their gratitude for the gift, and our appreciation of this benevolent act, to be entered in the minutes of this Meeting, that we may thus perpetuate the memory of one who, in the days of her usefulness, was a valuable member of the Society.

A copy of the minute was forwarded to the Executors, and in reply they informed us that the Committee of the Monthly Meeting in the 9th month last, of the Spruce Street, had received the bequest of $1000 offered to them by the deceased, but declined receiving it, as they say in the note making the offer, "not as a deed of charity, but simply as a matter of right and justice." By unanimous minute expressing the pleasure and satisfaction of the Committee in the course proposed, was sent to the person making the offer. The sum of $15.00 was subsequently received by the Treasurer of the School Fund. This is, as we believe, the first instance of the kind in the history of the Institution.

The Committee further directed that the rates for admission to the School the ensuing year be the same as for the past three years, viz:

For members of our Yearly Meeting	$150.00
" " " other " Meetings,	
or when one or both parents are members	
of this Yearly Meeting	250.00
For all others who may be admitted	300.00

The Treasurer reported the receipt of the sum of $1000 from the Executors of the estate of Rebecca Wistar Morris, deceased, late a member of the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia, Spruce Street, which has been invested in Pennsylvania Railroad Company's Bonds, as directed by the Committee.

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With gratitude and love to our Heavenly [illegible] for the [illegible], and with a fervent desire that [illegible] continue the Salutary care over [illegible] and that all may witness the Divine [illegible] of the Society, we conclude.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee

George Hartshorne Jr.
Clerk

Philadelphia 2nd Month 1st 1886.

Note.— The Autumn Term begins 9th Mo 8th 1886, and closes 2nd Mo 2d 1887. The Spring Term commences 3rd Month 2nd 1887, and closes 6th Mo 21st 1887.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the Meeting of the Committee on the 3d of 8th Month next.

Those who are members of our Friends Meeting will have preference of all others to that date, after which applications, will be acted upon in the order in which they are received.

Those who desire the benefits of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal Address Swarthmore Pa. Friends Boarding School Post Office R.R.

The Report was accepted by the Meeting, and [illegible] was [illegible] with its [illegible] of Managers, for which the Institution [illegible] care of the School to the Committee now under appointment: viz:— Charles Coffin, George Hartshorne, Timothy T. Kenny, Samuel R. Heffington, Richard Cadbury, James H. Chace, James C. Inman, Peter M. Neal, Benjamin F. Newlin, Augustus Ridgway, Richard P. Griffith, Charles Evans, Caleb Foulke, Charles C. Harvey, William Evans, William A. Newlin, Isaac Osca Wilson, Ellen K. Hutton, Sarah B. Hartshorne, Samuel J. Bailey, Rebecca A. Steere, Anna G. Wood, Deborah W. Comfort, Elizabeth H. Franklin, Sarah E. Talley, Esther Jones, Caroline E. Ellis, Catharine H. Bailey, Lydia C. Neal, Sarah Ann Hutchinson, Mary H. Cadbury, Anna M. Cadbury

Minute [illegible] Quakers [illegible] Yearly Meeting.

[illegible] appointed Separate Meeting [illegible] Stephen Smith, Isaac Jackson, Jr., Benjamin [illegible], John [illegible], Jr., Thomas [illegible], Samuel [illegible], Thomas Evans, & Francis [illegible] to prepare a Summary of the Answers to the Queries, and report at the next sitting.

The Committee appointed, viz: Edward Briggs, Ira L. Jenkins, William A. Jones, Francis W. Lewis, [illegible] Evan Lewis, Spencer Chace, a Committee to audit and settle the Account of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of money to be raised, sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer; also one for Treasurer of the Nominating School Committee.

Adjournment to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow Morning.

Seventh day Morning the 12th, The Meeting again convened.

The Representatives being called, all were present except Eighteen.

The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the State of Society, as presented in the Answers to the Queries.

The Answers to the Queries, viz:-

1st. The Meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held, except in 40 instances, most of which occurred in a few small Meetings; with the exception of [illegible] the Meetings on the First Day of the week have been regularly held. In two Monthly Meetings in [illegible] Quarterly Meetings. Fifth-day Monthly Meetings generally well attended. Those in the Middle of the week, and for discipline are more neglected. The hour is nearly observed. With the exception, Friends are preserved from unbecoming behavior.

2nd. With few exceptions, [illegible] are carefully maintained, and detraction is mostly guarded against. [illegible] to read [illegible] to the [illegible]

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Answers

1st. Most Friends have a sense of their duty in their spiritual life and conversation, and endeavour to train them in their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

2d. With some exceptions, Friends read the Holy Scriptures diligently and in their families, and encourage those under their care in this religious duty. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is maintained with some exceptions.

3d. The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is avoided, with 26 exceptions reported in 5 Monthly Meetings, and a few acknowledged in another. With few exceptions, Friends are careful to avoid unnecessary and unbecoming incompliance with a Christian character, and to observe moderation.

4th. Yearly clear

7th Except in two instances, our testimony in regard to Military Matters is maintained. Some exceptions are made in regard to Oaths and the public stations.

8th Generally careful as to the several parts of this Query.

9th Friends are careful as to records, not quite clear as to Minutes and Certificates. Some care taken.

10th We believe the discipline is administered with Christian tenderness, and impartially. Hence, in some instances, that as tenderly as would be best.

We have been reminded at this time of the great importance of the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures, collectively as well as individually, in our families, and of the great benefit of meeting together at the

[illegible] Family relationship is the most sacred [illegible] and where [illegible] the most delight is found [illegible] Faithfulness on the part of [illegible] is of the highest in the salvation of the [illegible] The life of the family often gauges the life of the [illegible]

[illegible] of some of our members in obtaining from the use of intoxicating liquors [illegible] Would we feel keenly the necessity of more earnest effort on the part of every friend to the [illegible] in this matter.

The meaning of these Queries may be summed up in the words, "Are you working out your salvation with fear and trembling?" May [illegible] to do, not in a listless, [illegible] way. While we can never work out a salvation that has not been worked in, yet love to God emphasizes the manifestation of this type. If we truly love God love as much as we ought, we shall not only love to come together but shall be more active when we are here. This love manifests itself especially in attendance at our week-day Meetings. On First-days the laws prohibit us from following our secular occupations, but on week-days an opportunity is given to offer a sacrifice that costs us something.

Love to Christ also manifests itself in unity. This unity does not consist in uniformity of [illegible] or of thought, but in a [illegible] with harmony of feeling. When we lose our love to Christ we magnify the faults of others, and fall into back-biting. These evidences of decaying love should, when they appear, cause us to strive with all earnestness to regain the enjoyment of our Father's love in such degree that it may be manifested in loving conduct [illegible] and in kindly [illegible] that we do not harm another's reputation.

20. The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee on Correspondence have reported the following, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, Viz:- Benjamin F. Knowles, Robert P. Gifford, Thomas Wood, George R. Wood, Gideon Wood, Nevano C. Goddard, Silas H. Hart-

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William [illegible] John M. Cox Henry, William J. [illegible]
[illegible] Thomas Scattergood [illegible] Briggs [illegible]

Adjourned to meet in joint-session at 8 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.— The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

21. The joint-Epistle from New York Yearly Meeting was read and the same is referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The following summary of the answers of the Quarterly Meetings to the queries, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, viz:

Answer 1st With little exception we are diligent in attending our Meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of our families.

Answer 2nd We are in unity one with another and with the Meetings to which we belong, with some exceptions.

Our labors in gathering unto Christ [illegible] generally harmonious.

Answer 3d We believe our members are frequently engaged in searching the Holy Scriptures, seeking by the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit a right understanding of their contents, except [illegible] not to their profit or misapplying them.

During the reading of the Queries and Answers [illegible] much feeling counsel and instruction was given. The responsibilities which rest upon the individual members of the Church were brought to view. The Church is built up of lively stones.

[illegible] to our Father in heaven to glorify him in gathering souls to Christ, and in building up one another upon the most holy faith. Before separating we felt [illegible] that others may come to the fountain and drink.

building without a foundation, and that foundation of Christ. Let each one be careful how he is building of some one besides himself. Our work is not done, and will not be until the harvest-time, when God will call us home. No man can be too earnest in working for God.

Our principles are worth maintaining. They have been put to the test under various circumstances, and have proved to be adapted to all classes.

Do not read all on one line. Do not be one-sided.

Early Friends believed and endorsed all the grand doctrines of the Bible. Let none shun to declare the whole truth which the Bible plainly teaches. Be a well rounded gospel. Do not dwell too much on themes most dear to us. As we dwell in the power of the Holy Ghost, that which comes from the heart will reach the heart.

23. The Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of accommodations for the Yearly Meeting in 1887, have made the following Report, viz: —

To the Yearly Meeting.

At the Meeting of the Committee appointed to provide a place to hold the Yearly Meeting in 1887, held at [illegible] 16th, [illegible] appointed in [illegible], informed that they had carefully considered the subject, and find that the [illegible] Portland, Maine, accessible by an easy flight of steps to the Auditorium [illegible] seating about

five hundred persons, with many retiring rooms. A vestry below, with seating capacity for nearly four hundred persons. A commodious kitchen in the rear of the vestry; one good sized Committee room and toilet room. This edifice is near City Hall, where Committee rooms can be obtained if needed.

Signed by direction of the Committee
Mary A. Tiffany
Secretary.

The report is accepted, and referred to the Representatives now in attendance of this Yearly Meeting, and they are desired to consider the subject and report at a future sitting.

24. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen of the South have again presented their Annual Report, together with the Report of condition of the Manumission School at Maryville, Tenn., made by its Superintendent, William P. Hastings. We again refer this concern to the same Committee. The report is as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

In conducting an institution like that at Maryville for the benefit of the colored people, unexpected difficulties at times are met with, as many will who are engaged in similar undertakings can from experience testify; but upon the whole we feel that the past year has been satisfactory.

The Spring session opened on the first Monday in the Eighth Month, and shortly numbered 26 in the Normal Class, and at the end of the Fall Term closed with 49. During most of this time over 100 of the Institute's former students were imparting useful instruction to more than five thousand of their own people.

The Spring Term opened on the first Monday in the First Month [illegible] with 45 in the Normal Class, and closed with 38, of whom the most [illegible] were engaged in teaching [illegible] in the Fall. These and other pupils who have left the Institute before the completion of the Normal course have been benefitted, not only by the instruction

generally imparted to Sunday-schools, and they have been kept
well filled in view. The importance of giving prominence
to the more vital religious principles of the gospel,
as is indispensable to the formation of a pure character.

It is most of these schools is an opposition to
appropriate medical means to carry on the work of
elevating to a higher plane of life the ignorant
in foreign countries. And it may be well for us to
remember that the Bible Christian who is preaching
the gospel to the "least" of the sons of men, and
thus fulfilling the commission to go into all lands, and
in order to be blessed in our labors abroad, it May be
more than safe earnestly and liberally to continue our
labors for the elevation of a lost class at home, as well.

Much has been, and is now being done to improve
the condition of the colored population of the South.
If in addition to this, a good medical education, joined
with the right religious instruction, they would be
better fitted to live good and useful lives, that will
prove a blessing to themselves, and Missions to our nation;
and all who by such means labor for the advancing
civilization should be duly thankful.

The enlargement of the in-
tellect by a judicious education, is a blessing, yet no
instruction is complete unless directed to the unfolding
of man's moral and religious nature in the purifying of
the truths of the gospel. The pupils are no longer igno-
rant of the knowledge of many things, but many have
have come to the conclusion that to live Christian lives
is the only way to be truly happy. In
in view of the recent letters, entitled - "The Students' Mis-
sion work this year. Eleven have graduate in the Eleven
lary Course to day. This is a larger number of graduates
than we have had for many years." The writers then expa-
tiate of practical thoughts, which were encouraging mani-
festations of right resolutions for future work."

The subjects of temperance and peace
have claimed their attention, and upon these they have
written interesting essays.

Though the school has been small this
year compared with what it used to be, yet other fea-
tures of the work are encouraging.

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Treasurer's Statement

Appropriation being [illegible] for [illegible]	$ 400
from Refund Funds from [illegible] account	54.01
" from Rents	1000
	$ 1454.01

Rent Account

Yearly Meeting's appropriation	$1000.00
From rents	54.42
	$1054.42
Paid from appropriation for tuition	$ 640.54
" " " " insurance	224.00
" " " " blank reports	4.50
" " for tuition	14.50
Undrawn from the Yearly Meeting's treasury	170.96
	$1054.42

By the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting's Committee	$ 170.96
By rents received from Trustees for tuition	4.50
	$ 175.46
Balance of rents carried to new account	$ 153.46

We [illegible] Committee [illegible], hoping the Meeting will see its way clear to appropriate $1000 the same as last year. We believe with this help, in connection with the interest manifested by the Principal, the School can be made popular, so as to double the number of pupils, and thus greatly increase its usefulness.

For the Committee

Benjamin F. Knowles

Newport, R.I. 6th mo 11th 1886

Report of the Freedmans Normal Institute, Mayesville, S.C. From 8th mo 9th 1885 to 5th mo 21st 1886.

Being the School year.

Number of days taught	189
" [illegible]	42
" [illegible]	99
Per cent of attendance	90
Number in Reading Class	61
" " Writing "	102

Greatest number taught at the same time by three teachers 5202

" " Writing 11
" " Arithmetic 11
" " English Grammar 10
" " " Composition 10
" " Geography 7
" " United States History 11
" " Latin 3
" " Greek 3
" " Physiology 10
" " Natural Philosophy 3
" " Algebra 1
" " Geometry 1
" " Book Keeping 2

The advancement in the studies pursued has been very satisfactory this year. Eleven students graduated in the Elementary Course.

Our Temperance meetings have been kept up. The students have become earnest workers in the temperance cause and the most of them manifest an interest in the question. There have been supplied, at their own request, with books and other temperance matter, during the year, and have gone forth to battle for the right among their people.

We still have 73 members of our colored Monthly Meeting, but some of them are now quite aged and infirm, and others who are working in distant parts of the field are deprived of the privilege of attending Friends meetings. Even with those who live near the meeting house the meetings do not seem to be of much interest, so that during vacation our meetings are small. A series of Meetings lasting 8 days, held during the Spring time of the present year, resulted in 14 persons making a profession.

With thankfulness to our Blessed Master for having blessed us [illegible] the past year, and for the [illegible] with which he has favored us, we [illegible]

[illegible] thus far this year is [illegible]

William P. Hastings Superintendent

Freedmens Committee.

Minutes, Charles F. Tiffin, Josep[illegible] E. [illegible]
Sawyer, Gertrude W. Cartland, Hannah G. Bailey and [illegible]

[illegible]

To the Yearly Meeting.

[illegible]
last year, and for safe keeping the bonds are in the vaults of the Rhode Island Safe Deposit Co.

[illegible]
to each of 29 students who were in training for [illegible].

In the Spring Term 41 students were in the Normal Department fitting themselves for teachers, and receiving the same assistance as in the Fall.

The number of students both in the Fall and Spring [illegible] a little exceeds that of last year. The aggregate number of weeks these have received assistance is [illegible] and fifteen.

Financial Statement.

Receipts

[illegible]	$ 16.15
Coupons paid 7th Month 1885	727.50
" " 1st " 1886	727.50
Interest paid up to 5th Month 1st	32.50
	$1374.15

Expenditures

Assisted poor children in School year ending 5th Mo 1885.	$ 75.00
" Students in Fall Term, 1885	416.[illegible]
" poor children " " "	41.[illegible]
" [illegible] in Spring " 1886	978.75
" poor children " " " "	3.85
[illegible]	15.[illegible]
[illegible]	12.[illegible]
	$1537.[illegible]

For the Trustees,

[illegible]

Newport, 6th Mo 12th 1886.

Trustees of the Sturge Fund

Samuel R. Buffinton, Fall River [illegible]

Superintendent of Juvenile Work, Miss Mary E. Hoag, Lynn, Mass.
Chairman of Committee on Literature, Mrs. Rebecca H. Darling, West Chester, Pa.
Editor of Temperance Department, Mrs. Ellen M. Huntington, Cincinnati, O.
Treasurer, Miss Mary Allen West, Chicago, Ill.

26. The Committee appointed to prepare a report, and present the same during the session of the Triennial, beg leave to submit the following:

The Work.

In presenting our report, we feel that we have abundant reason to thank God and take courage. He has permitted us to enter so many open doors to service in the Temperance cause, and that He has indeed blessed our efforts is evident from the fact that it is impossible to answer all the letters of inquiry sent; but enough has been received to give a good general idea of the work.

Towards 200 Meetings are reported as either held or actively engaged in by members of your Committee. One Auxiliary reports a Monthly Temperance Meeting all the year round; another, a Meeting sustained by the Juvenile Band of Hope Meeting. Over [illegible] are sorry to say was discontinued. Two Meetings were held on the Island of Jamaica, attended respectively by [illegible] persons. [illegible] "Four more have signed the pledge since you left;" and still another, "The rum shop in the yard of the Friends old booth, a Meeting [illegible] closed, with fourteen." A Meeting was held at Providence [illegible] of First Month, attended by Caroline E. Talbot, William Jacob Chairman of our Committee, and others, and a very favorable [illegible] given by the Principal for carrying on the work.

We have sent out more than [illegible] pieces of Temperance literature, and a very large number of Pledge cards and Motto cards, with text books, manuals and other needful helps for local organizations.

Ten Thousand pages were distributed on the Island of Jamaica. [illegible] Committee have been supplied, and these white-winged

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upwards of sixty children have signed the Triple Pledge. To supply the lack of such organizations in other places, some of our Sunday Schools have Temperance lessons every day, while in others the lesson each quarter is omitted, since it is supposed that even recitations, in which to exercise the rules of abstinence, would be participation. In one school among children of eight, and in another 89 have signed the Triple Pledge during the past year. In both these Scientific Temperance Instruction has been given, and the interest well sustained.

In conclusion we would say that some of our most earnest and efficient workers have been hindered by sickness from doing any active work beyond what could be accomplished by the pen.

Others have labored in connection with some of the Temperance organizations, and consequently have had little, if anything, to report as done within our borders as a Church.

The securing of a law making Temperance teaching in the Public Schools of Massachusetts compulsory, and the Constitutional Amendment in Rhode Island, during the past year, have been helped by earnest effort on the part of some of these; and while we rejoice in every step taken in advance, and in the increase of public sentiment in favor of Total Abstinence which is shown in different localities, we intend to keep pleading, if only for Temperance teaching in the Sunday Schools, whether Missionary Societies do or not, could see and feel the needs within our own Church, or Church Union, the fields are white, and the laborers are few." May it be not so with any of us, "Mine own vineyard have I not kept."

We recommend that this work be carried on under the care of a newly appointed Woman

and that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

On behalf of the Committee
Elizabeth F. Smith
Secretary

Treasurer's Report.

Balance in Treasurer's hands at last Meeting $ 7.11

Expended as follows

Postage, Printing, Stamps and Stationery
for Circulars and general Correspondence $ 2.50

Express postage for Official Reports sent to Friends 2.50

Recording deeds, recording same &c 1.00

Yearly Meeting of N.C. not in the Exchange of the
Constitutional Amendment. 1.00

Balance expended in Relief Meetings and
expenses Treasurer's Visit. 11.11

$ 7.11

John F. Chase, Treasurer.

Newport 6th Mo 11th 1886

The Report is satisfactory and accepted by the Meeting
and at the suggestion of the Committee on Correspondence
it was agreed that Friends [illegible] Second Month
Meeting, Olive M. Tuttle, Olney T. Meader, Elizabeth T. Smith,
Edward S. Newton, Robert P. Tiffett, George E. Ward and
Samuel R. Tiffett be appointed a Committee with the powers
of Trustees & Executors under this Independent Meeting
to correspond the ensuing year.

The Committee on Relations with the North Carolina
and other States in the South have made their Report,
which was read and

Is the Yearly Meeting

satisfied to carry into effect the recommendations contained
in the Report of the Committee on Correspondence with
Friends in North Carolina, and if so

After settling up last years accounts we
find a balance remaining. This we are instructed by
Meeting to pay to the Trustees of Guilford College
near Town of Guilford in Guilford County N.C.

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eternal praise.

L. H. Jones
E. J. Willey } Committee

Newport 12 Mo 11th 1886.

The Report is satisfactory, and the Meeting not feeling clear to abandon this work at present, [illegible] Committee to extend such labor during the year as way may open.

Adjourned to meet on Second-day Morning, 11th inst. at 10 o'clock, in joint session.

Second-day Morning, the 14th. The Meeting [illegible]

Catherine F. Hunson, George H. Fan, Harriet V. Jones,
Mary Ann Robinson,

24. The Committee appointed upon the proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting, recommended the following Report which was satisfactorily to this Meeting, & was accordingly agreed to the Representative Meeting, Viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to whom the proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting, in regard to the subject of International Arbitration, was referred, recommend that the subject be referred to the Representative Meeting for its consideration.

On behalf of the Committee.
William Thompson.
Mary Alice Gifford.

Race Street 6th mo 11th 1886

31. The Representatives now in attendance of this Meeting
[illegible]
viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

[illegible]
in the nomination of the following named Friends
to constitute the Committee to consider the proposition
viz- Representatives,

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[illegible] Yearly Meeting [illegible] Meeting held in the Meeting House, New Bedford, Mass. 6th Day, 6th mo. 3rd 1886.

[illegible] Committee.

Newport R.I. 6th mo 12th 1886.

Dear Friends,

[illegible] Yearly Meeting held in this city last week, [illegible] of the Friends Review, which were entitled to [illegible] [illegible] Meeting.

[illegible] were [illegible] to purchase books containing the [illegible] of Friends, for distribution in Jamaica.

Sixty copies of Hinshaw's "Immersion [illegible] Christian Baptism of the New Testament", were purchased, copies of which have been placed in most of our Yearly Meeting Reading Libraries, and others have been distributed.

Two Hundred and fifty copies of the account of the unveiling of the bust of Elizabeth Fry, at the Friends' School in Providence, R.I. were purchased [illegible] have read it, not only by Friends, but others.

On behalf of the Committee
William [illegible]

Newport 6th mo 12th 1886.

H. H. Mosher Fund. Income Account.

Receipts.

Balance from last years account	$ 19.51
From E. F. Coffin Trustee	550.00
" Savings Bank interest	19.75
	$589.26

Expenditures.

Paid Wm Sharpless, for purchasing tracts &c	$ 15.00
" for 145 subscriptions to "The Friends Review"	11.70
Yearly interest [illegible]	562.56

60 copies Passenger Tariff of Commissioner"
2 copies of the Passenger Tariff"
207 copies of Passenger Tariff commencing
Sept 1st 1886
Balance to new account

$ 60.00
12.00
135.00
$207.00

J. L. Page
Treasurer.

Lynn Mass 6th mo 7th 1886.

Committee of Income of Boston Fund.
William Hampton, Albert Pyatt, John Dawson Gardner,
Richard Mackinley, Nathl. Mansfield, Boston Fund.

92. The Trustees of the Boston Fund have presented their
twenty second report of the present investment and condition
of the Fund, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting

The income from the Boston Fund for the
past year was from,—

From City of Boston Bond $400.00
" Lynn Institution for Savings 75.06
" New Bedford " " " 32.90
$507.96

Paid to Treasurer of Yearly Meeting
To J. Warren Page, Treasurer of Yearly Meeting $400.00
Added to capital 107.96
$607.96

The Fund is invested in,—

Boston City Registered 5% Bond $10,000.00
Deposit in Lynn Institution for Savings 1,938.67
" " New Bedford " " " 799.28
$12,737.95

For the Trustees
E. T. Coffin
Trustee.

Lynn Mass. 6th mo 7th 1886.

93. The Report of the Committee on General Meetings and the
Yearly Meeting

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Your Committee entrusted with the [illegible] of the Gospel work within the limits of [illegible] Yearly Meeting, [illegible] gathered. In no previous year in the [illegible] this work did the pathway seem darker, [illegible] for the day, so that in all confidence we [illegible] name of our blessed Leader who has given [illegible] over the powers of evil. The seed may have been [illegible] in other years by faithful servants of the Lord, [illegible] for a time have lain dormant, until under [illegible] rays of divine grace granted during this year it has matured, and a harvest gathered to the [illegible] of the great husbandman, and thus do [illegible] can rejoice together.

The Superintendents of the several districts report as follows, viz:—

First District.— [illegible] 16 [illegible] 9 have been visited. Series of Meetings, 6: Chelsea, [illegible] China, Fairfield, Readfield, 2 at Brooks and Maple Grove. Meetings composing the series, 209; families visited, 111 [illegible]

It seemed best to concentrate the labor [illegible] places named, as the results would be more [illegible] the most definite results have been reached, and [illegible] gratifying [illegible] there are [illegible] Many of these are men and women in the prime of life with families around them. Forty four of the [illegible] and more are to send in their names.

The work is going on, but if we only had the [illegible] they are born into the kingdom, there could [illegible]

Second District.— Falmouth and Dover Quarterly Meeting [illegible]

among the [illegible] continuous service, 87; Bible reading, 4; families visited, 63; professed conversions, 15; backsliders reclaimed, 19. We have had in our District [illegible] labor from Friends, both of our own and other Yearly Meetings, which does not appear in the report, but [illegible]. Portland and North Berwick were especially favored, and [illegible] seemed to be [illegible] persons [illegible] to life [illegible]. [illegible] will in these [illegible] yield some fruit.

First District.— Salem and Smithfield Quarterly Meetings.— Number of Meetings in the District, 18; all but one of these have been visited. Series of Meetings, 4; held at Bolton, 2; Woonsocket, 2; West Epping, 2; Worcester, Weare and Henniker; Meetings composing the series, 83; other Meetings visited without continuous service, 19; Bible readings, 25; families visited, 190; professed conversions, 34; backsliders recovered or reclaimed, 42. The membership at Lowell, Mass., is united in love and doing active service for the Lord. Much labor has been bestowed at Bolton, one of the most promising fields in the Yearly Meeting, with many interesting young Christians and an excellent Sabbath School; many [illegible] during the year, [illegible].

Friends who visited Worcester report Meetings of increasing interest during their stay. At Pittsfield, N. H. Meetings are now regularly held, and good fruit is [illegible] the result of the labors of last year, but all-but impossibility of obtaining local workers has lessened the results we had looked for this year.

Fourth District.— Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings.— [illegible] have been visited; [illegible] Mouth, New Bedford 2; Long Plain, Apponegansett and Newport; Meetings composing the series, 70; other Meetings [illegible] Bible readings, 15; Childrens Meetings, 4; Families visited, 134; professions [illegible] sions, 5. The work in the Fourth District

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[illegible] Committee [illegible]
[illegible] difficulties, and
[illegible] encouraged. In the [illegible]
[illegible] done [illegible] more than
[illegible] last year. The report [illegible]
[illegible] Meetings has been gladly received by the
Church. The following [illegible] with your [illegible]
[illegible] the work of the Father [illegible]
[illegible] the midst of [illegible]
[illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and in our [illegible] of [illegible] Church

The facts of the large increase of our Bible Sch[illegible], the greater interest in Meetings for worship, both day [illegible]ing, the sad hearts made glad, and the dark home[illegible] light, stimulate our zeal in the cause of [illegible], and inspire us with a hope and courage to meet all [illegible] from within and without, and to faithfully feed the flock of God.

Summary of the work.

	The year	
Meetings for worship in the Yearly Meeting	72	75
" where labor has been bestowed	[illegible]	[illegible]
Series of Meetings	[illegible]	[illegible]
Other Meetings visited without continuous service	314	191
Meetings composing the series of Meetings	393	188
[illegible]	44	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] visited	498	410
[illegible]	164	117
Backsliders renewed or reclaimed	121	[illegible]

A large and important part of the work of the [illegible] [illegible]. Following the [illegible] of the apostle that "so laboring, ye ought to [illegible] work," they have visited the smaller Meetings, [illegible] those who were discouraged, visiting the sick [illegible] tered ones, and generally reviving the good [illegible] among our own members. We believe that [illegible] of Christ has been greatly advanced among us, [illegible] those whose hands were ready to hang down for [illegible] weariness have been strengthened to do good [illegible] the Master, and to trust in His mighty love and [illegible] [illegible].

following remarks:— One Friend, speaking of a place wh
[illegible] "
[illegible] another series says, The Meetings
[illegible] ably owned of the Lord, and there was an
[illegible] . [illegible]
[illegible] for expression, but some of those we had least
[illegible] [illegible] to glorify the Lord."

[illegible] — "I can say that I find fresh life in some of the
Meetings, where several are opening their mouths in testimony
[illegible] Master, as a new experience. And I have been gladdened
in finding real spiritual life in other Meetings where I
[illegible] . I feel [illegible]
[illegible] of conversions. It seems I have been digging among
the bins of the Church, poking about among the rubbish
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

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souls from ruinous destruction. [illegible]
The conflict now going on between [illegible] evil,
the wide-spread sin of intemperance, [illegible]
infidelity, and the increase of social evils of every kind
reveal the fact that the world sadly needs the regenerating
power of the Gospel, and God's sanctifying grace.
[illegible] with every evangelical body of Christians in [illegible]
work for the saving of the lost, and thereby [illegible]
in the [illegible] of the Church as foretold by the prophet? — "And it shall come to pass in the
latter days that the mountain of the [illegible] shall
be established in the top of the mountains, and
be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow
unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye,
and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the
house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his
ways, and we will walk in his paths; for out of Zion
shall go forth the law and the word of the Lord from
Jerusalem."

We would recommend that this Committee be [illegible]
in future as "Committee on Gospel Work for [illegible]
Yearly Meeting", and that on account of the [illegible]
the Yearly Meeting of one of the Committee, [illegible]
[illegible]

Signed by [illegible]
Chairman

Phebe L. Hydelott
Secretary

Newport 6th Mo 11th 1886.

Balance on hand from last year	$11.4
Cash received in Meetings in Portland	111.0
[illegible]	[illegible]
Interest	[illegible]
	$760.[illegible]
Amount expended to date 6th Mo 10th 1886	[illegible]
	[illegible]
	$760.0

One hundred dollars subscribed by a Friend
[illegible]

the same.

William Thompson

Newport R. Isl. 1878. Treasurer.

We rejoice in the work accomplished, and earnestly desire that these occasions may prove a blessing and a help to the Church, and the Church to them. The same Committee is continued, with the exception of Richard L. Hoag, now living in yearly meeting limits, and Henry Bull, Jr. Newport for the year.

The Meeting on First-day is to be a Conference, and the sum of $254.26 was ordered to be paid out of the Treasury, to the following persons, viz: Thomas C. Wood, Rebecca H. Smiley, Ruth A. Murray, William Thompson, Susan T. Thompson, Nancy D. Tyler, Phebe A. Hyde, Alice Avery, Anthony A. Hinds, Mary Ann Gifford, Charles E. Jones, Lillian Jones, Charles A. Jones, Joseph E. Briggs, Levi E. Jones, J. Warren Hawkes, William S. Macomber, Lydia Knight, Harriet D. Collins, Elizabeth T. Larkin, John B. Cortland, Timothy B. Avery, Annie M. Ray, Eliza H. Tuttle, Charles B. Pooley and John C. Dreyer.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Afternoon, the Meeting was opened by reading the Scriptures.

34. An Epistle from London Yearly Meeting was now received and read, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

35. The Report of the Committee on Fifth School was also read, and is as follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

We feel the importance of this service and have kept it in a position of necessity to the Church, and hence the most unceasing watchfulness and faithfulness have been exercised, with good interest, and many others [illegible] the interest increasing.

While some Schools do not report any Temperance work done, others have done good work, and report that all their members have signed the Fifth Pledge.

Several Schools report conversions during

from one to thirty pie. The quarterly Conferences have been continued in all the Quarterly Meetings, except three and Fairfield. The Committee have endeavored to aid the work by assisting the Conferences, visiting Schools, and furnishing such supplies as needed.

In many localities the work has not only been of a satisfactory, but much of it has been of a blessed character. In one School fifty volumes have been added to the Library, while in others large additions have been made.

Copies of Marriage Celebration have been kindly furnished by the Trustees of the Elizabeth Lloyd Memorial Fund, which have been distributed to all the Schools, also the Concert Exercises furnished by the Peace Committee.

Having considered the proposition of George A. Barton and Micajah M. Binford, to publish a Home Study Bible School, we recommend that the Board give the support of the Committee.

We would respectfully suggest the importance of prompt co-operation on the part of Superintendents and Secretaries in furnishing statistical information to enable the Committee to report as explicit, and fully as is desirable. We recommend this important subject to your prayerful attention, and to the care of a Committee, and that a liberal sum be appropriated for the work.

On behalf of the Committee
Ruthanna H. Tibbs.
Secretary.

Received
From George Howland, Jr., Treasurer of Y.M. $39.77

Payments

Printing, Stationery, &c	$ 6.50
Postage for Home Schools	20.12
Rent of Meeting House, Quarterly Conferences	6.75
Literature and Maps for Schools	12.40
	$79.77

A. T. Meader, Treasurer.

	No. Schools		Gilbert Number Membership	Average Attendance	Number of Friends	Total Yearly Stipend	Conversions	Estimated Quarterly
Rhode Island	6		297	212	195	15	12	4*
Salem	10		474	381	197	173	1	9
Sandwich	3		430	285	158	95	10	5
Falmouth	13		651	426	270	75	17	6
Smithfield	7		265	175	123	32	22	5
Swansea	7		283	145	149	95	31	1
Dover	4		122	80	90	20	0	1
Fairfield	6		348	353	183	10	4	1
	61		2923	2157	1365	518	102	37

* This does not include the statistics of Friends School at Providence.

Gain over last year, 2 schools; in membership, 314; in average attendance, 431.

The Report is accepted & the Committee now under appointment, with the exception of Hannah S. Wing, now living beyond our limits, and the addition of Albert F. Minott, is continued for service another year.

Committee on Bible Schools.

Charles W. Borden, Mary T. Rawson, Rathbone H. Nichols, Robert P. Tifford, George R. Read, George B. Wing, Frank E. Jones, Salem C. Wheeler, Mary S. Ward, Timothy B. Mabry, A. Jane Cox, Harriet D. Collins, George C. Herbert, Lucy T. Herbert, Albert G. Hill, Smith B. Stone, Herbert C. Mabry, H. Elizabeth Jones, Alice R. Ellis, Phebe W. Austin, Lillian Hunter, Alice R. Brayton, John L. Hinman, Charles E. Tinsley, Sarah A. Hill and Albert F. Minott.

36. The records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by this Meeting.

37. The subject of Yearly Meeting Statistics [illegible] to the Representative Meeting was referred by it to this Meeting; who concludes to appoint Augustus Jones, Charles H. Jones, Obadiah Chace, George Douglas, William Thomas, Reuben A. Jones and David H. Hill a

Committee to confer with a similar Committee from Friends to whom the subject may be committed, and report to this Meeting next year.

38. The Representatives to whom the proposition from Falmouth and Yearly Meeting's Committee was referred, have made the following Report, Viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Representatives have considered the subject referred to them, and report as follows Viz:-

In regard to a place for holding the Yearly Meeting we recommend that in 1887 it be held in Portland, Me.

In regard to omitting the words "As a beverage" from the 5th Query, it was the judgment of the Representatives that it should not be altered.

But they would recommend as a substitute for the first clause in the 5th Query, "Do Friends abstain from the use of Alcoholic Liquors, except for medecine and the arts.

Daniel C. Hazard Clerk

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Which is accepted by this Meeting, and we conclude to Meet in Portland, Maine next year. With reference to the proposed change in the 5th Query, the Meeting did not see its way clear to make any change at this time.

39. The request of Eastern Quarterly Meeting for a Revision, we conclude to refer to the Select our next Representative Meeting.

We adjourn to meet in joint session to-morrow Morning at 10 Oclock.

Third-day Morning the 15th. The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

40. The London General Printed Epistle, issued this year, was now received and read. Our hearts have been made glad by the timely reception of the

Marriage of love. Its clear exposition of doctrine, especially in regard to the disuse of outward ordinances, and its earnest exhortations to entire consecration to the Lord and His service, have been truly acceptable to us, and we direct that the Clerk cause an edition of three thousand copies to be printed and forwarded to our several Quarterly Meetings, and draw upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for the expense incurred.

41. The Committee appointed in reference to the reading of the certificate of William J. Thornburg, report as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to whom was referred the credentials of William J. Thornburg, report that they have had an interview with him concerning the same, and that they are united in the judgment that his certificate should not be received.

Augustine Jones,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Owen Dame,
Elizabeth H. Newhall
George Howland, Jr.,
Susan T. Thompson,
Charles W. Webber
Phebe P. Jones
Mary A. Bailey,
James C. Inman,
William A. Jones,
Eliza P. Price,
Ira J. Jenkins,
Eunice L. Cartland,
Paul Wing,
Mary F. Bailey.

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Which is accepted by the Meeting, and the Committee

42. The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their Annual Report, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Foreign Mission Work present the following report:

The Mission work at Bru
Mexico, in charge of [illegible] has continued in the care of our dear friend Thos. Wildman, with the same corps of assistants as last year.

From the reports that have been read, the Committee [illegible] to have received the

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[illegible] Meeting, and also [illegible] the Sunday [illegible] the Natives. Also in Bible Meetings [illegible] from the Schools and Boys on the Mountains, [illegible] they have [illegible] to [illegible] to any Evangelistic [illegible] the Christian or Secular work of the Mission.

The Meetings for worship on First-day Morning at Bauniana are well attended, the [illegible] often being too small to accommodate the company that assembles. Scripture reading Meetings are held during the week at the houses of the Members and on Sixth-day a Meeting is held at the Girls' Training Home, for all connected with the Mission who understand English. A Boys and Girls' Bible School is regularly held at Bauniana, and also in several of the neighboring villages every First-day. Edward J. Reynolds, who is still at the head of the Boys' Training Home, reports that in the nine years in which the Home has been in operation, one hundred and one pupils have been received and given a good preliminary education; also a good knowledge of the Bible and the way of salvation.

Most of those who have left are working at different trades, in the villages on Mount Lebanon. Some are continuing their studies at the Syrian College at Beyrout.

During the past year there have been [illegible] days, under instruction, at the Home, 28 of these boarding in the house, and 2 day scholars. In addition to the Arabic, the English and French languages are taught to nearly all of these, and to everyone is given instruction in the Bible. Our dear friend Mary Feltham, who has so faithfully cared for the interests of the Girls' Training Home since its opening, has made a visit to her home in England during the year, but returned early in the Fall to Bauniana, and is in charge of the Mission as before. There have been [illegible] of girls this year at Bauniana, fifteen; two of the original number having left the School at the opening of the year, two others were [illegible] to fill their places.

The annual Examination was highly satisfactory, and did credit to teachers and

pupils. Two Girls' schools in operation during the year, with an average attendance of 204 children; 3 boys schools, with 120 scholars; 3 girls schools with 85 pupils; and two mixed schools, numbering 99 scholars.

Owing to the strong opposition of a fanatical people at Rasheya, the school there has had to be closed; but one opened at Saleena, a Druse village two hours East of Brumana. Abdulaziz, the former Principal of the Boys School at Ramallah was appointed teacher. This promises to be a fine field for service in carrying the Gospel among those of Druse religion.

Since the enlargement of the Hospital, the Medical department has been more successful, and a much larger number of patients have been received and cared for. The number of out patients who have received treatment during the year, 4532; the number of in patients 117, with an average stay of 24 days each. While all is done that can be done to cure the diseases of the body, great endeavors are made to point the sin-sick soul to the Great Physician, the Lord Jesus.

The Mothers Meeting, under the efficient care of Susan Waldmeier, has increased much in interest; she now has 81 Mothers enrolled as members of the meeting, with a regular attendance of 60; many have a concern for their own salvation, and show more interest in the reading and expounding of the Scriptures. She also reports a great improvement in their personal cleanliness, and behavior among themselves. These things are most encouraging from the fact that the Roman Catholic Lazarist Sisters have come during the year, and settled down at Brumana for the purpose of opposing this work among the Mothers.

We would express our heartfelt sympathy with the Syrian Committee of London Yearly Meeting, in the great loss which has come to them in the removal, by death, of our dear friend, Alfred Lloyd Fox. His untiring zeal and labor for the welfare of the Mission at Brumana, will be sadly missed. But while we miss his help and sympathy in the work here, we rejoice to feel that our loss is his gain;

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[illegible] to help the cause of Christ [illegible] faithful in the service of the Master [illegible] on earth.

We would express our thankfulness to [illegible] members of our Yearly Meeting for their [illegible] during the past year. Also to Philadelphia Yearly [illegible] and members of the Women's Foreign Mission Association of Western Yearly Meeting, Friends of Damascus, Ohio, and many others for their kind assistance in the work.

We would request the Yearly Meeting to appropriate one thousand dollars for the work the ensuing year.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee

Charles F. Jones
Clerk

Newport 6th Month 1886

Treasurer's Report

Committee of New England Yearly Meeting on Foreign Missions in account with Timothy B. Hussey Treasurer.

1885 Dr.

To Paid Stephen Berry, for printing	$ 30.00
" " J. Waldmeier, for Boys Training Home	97.85
" " " " " Girls " "	221.13
1886 To " U. S. Engine Co. for repairs	5.16
" " J. Waldmeier, for Boys Training Home	489.50
" " " " " Girls " "	416.07
" " " " " Mansonrich	146.85
" " " " " Expenses of Child in Day School	4.90
" " " " " Boys Training Home	489.50
" [illegible]	[illegible]
" [illegible]	241.14
	$ 3,241.50

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1885 By Balance from last year	$ 30.12
" Contributions from Friends at Yearly Meeting	304.05
" Check from [illegible] Treasurer of the W. F. M. S. of Western Yearly Meeting, for the education of seven girls	227.50
" Amounts received from Monthly Meetings	579.18
	$ 1,246.85

Amount brought up $ 1246 55

By amount received from Treasurer of Yearly Meeting 750 00

" " " " W. Kelly, Treasurer 15 97

" " " " Ezra Stark, Ohio, for the Education of one girl in the Training Home 60 00

" Cash rec'd from T. J. Bailey, for Canada Fund 5 46

" " " " Western Yearly Meeting seven girls 210 00

" " " " Smithfield Quarterly Meeting Miss Sabin's, for one girl. 75 00

" Cash from the W.F.M.S. of N.E. Years Meeting 71 00

" " " R.R. Tyler, Philadelphia, for Memorial Church 15 00

$ 2241 55

There is in the hands of the Committee a Fund for the education of females in Syria, now amounting $ 2998.66, deposited in the New Bedford Five Cent Savings Bank.

Timothy B. Kenny
Treasurer

The Report is satisfactory, and we thankfully acknowledge the continued blessing of the Lord on this service, and in answering the various branches of Christian work, which have sprung from the little seed planted in faith, we are constrained to say, "What hath God wrought?" The Committee have made appointment is continued another year. The sum of $ 534.99 was collected by the ordinary contribution for the current expenses of the Mission.

Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year, and the said contributions are desired to be made as early as the First Month, next year, the Committee are Eli Jones, Rebecca H. Bailey, William Thompson, Susan L. Thompson, George Howland, Jr., Anna G. Wood, Charles M. Jones, Benjamin F. Parvis, Caroline Tobey, Ezra Hawkes, Alice W. Hawkes, Harriet P. Collins, Eliza Tabor, Eliza S. Kenny, Mary W. Jones, Timothy B. Kenny, Ann M. Hussey, Elizabeth R. Jones, Mary A. Chase, Nathan H. Knighton, Howard F. Bailey, Addie F. Chase, Eli Jepson, Edwin A. Chase, Phebe W. Mitchell, Mabel G. Bailey, Ellwood A. Bailey, Ruthanna E. Nichols and Lydia A. Pierce.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Minutes.— The Meeting concurred in said minute pursuant to adjournment.

43. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi River, have presented a Report, which has been read and is as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Western Indians met at Portland, Lynn, Providence and Newport during the past year, to consider the [illegible] of the Indians, and the best ways and means [illegible] with the views and inclinations of the people.

The Missionary work under the care of the Associated Executive Committee of the various Yearly Meetings, has been confined to the Quapaw, [illegible] and Sac and Fox Agencies. The first-named is situated in the northeast corner of the Territory, [illegible] about 120 miles.

There are two Monthly Meetings established among Indians in Indian Territory. The first, Grand River Monthly Meeting, was organized in 1881, [illegible] holding at its opening four Preparative Meetings. The present membership is divided as follows:— Wyandotte, 62; Seneca, 46; Modoc, 66; and Ottawa, 16. Of this number 28 were received during the year; ten deaths reported. The work is under the care of John M. Watson and Jeremiah Hubbard. The Shawnee Monthly Meeting is in the Sac and Fox Agency [illegible] west of the Quapaw Agency, and was organized two years ago with a membership of fifty persons. There are in this Agency the Sac and Fox, the Absentee Shawnees, the Mexican Kickapoos, Iowas, and the Iowa Sioux. Most of these Indians are still in Kansas. Numbering together about 2500. There are no Friends among the Kickapoos, Iowas and Sioux.

The Sac and Foxes, numbering over four hundred, are [illegible] for wigwams of any kind. They live in houses of their own building, constructed of logs, [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] village houses of flag matting in winter.

[illegible] 2000 Indians in this Agency are without the Gospel.

[illegible]

The Modoc tribe of Indians are an offshoot of the Klamaths, and occupied the country known as Lost-River [illegible], containing portions of the old Government Road to Oregon and California — where the climate is invigorating, the air dry and light; and the water pure.

This home (being the home of their fathers [illegible] for many generations) was dear to them, and [illegible] fought desperately in the famous Lava Beds. But our Government-let white people have their loved homes, and the Indians who were not engaged in war were compelled to go on a reservation among their enemies; and those who fought for home and native land were sent to Indian Territory as prisoners of war. In a [illegible] district, from one hundred and seventy men, women and children, all told, they have rapidly decreased to thirty-seven, increasing the natural increase during that time.

[illegible] Modoc, having a desire for a better knowledge of the English language and of the Bible, in order that he might be better fitted for his calling as a Christian teacher, asked God to make a way for the pursuit of his object, as there seemed to be no way. His prayer was heard, and way was made for him to go to [illegible] Seminary, Ohio. In a letter to a friend, he said, "I pray that God Heavenly Father for counting me worthy to [illegible] many good children are." But the disease contracted in Indian Territory soon proved too much for him. He learn all he desired, and he and his friends were [illegible] to the conclusion [illegible] that he had better return to his home in the Territory, as soon as he was able. His people were dear to him, and he often spoke of them with the utmost tenderness, expressing

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lers. Having felt that the time had come [illegible] to return to his home, he started on this journey, [illegible] Yearly Meeting, while [illegible] and the Yearly Meeting at Newport [illegible] with [illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible] gratifying [illegible] visiting this desire of his heart; and on the evening of the 12th inst, while the Yearly Meeting was in session he peacefully passed away in the full triumph of the Christian faith, to be "forever with the Lord."

[illegible] assisted by Alice in the arduous work of caring for the sick, and clothed and paid the travelling expenses of Eva Johnston to attend school at Earlham College; also helped for [illegible] who is in the same school, and have assisted other worthy objects; corresponded with Missionaries and workers in the field, encouraging them in the work.

We feel that our Society, with its diversified interests in Mission work, cannot find a more needy people, nor more fruit for the labor bestowed, than in the work of Indian Christianization.

The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is $3.500. We recommend that $525.00 be appropriated as our quota of this sum. We ask, also, that the treasury of our Committee be replenished, not only by a collection to be taken in our Yearly Meeting, but also by efforts to be made in all our Monthly Meetings.

On behalf of the Committee.

Myra E. Pyle

Newport 6th Mo 14th 1886 Secretary.

[illegible] Report.

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[illegible] $75.57

From Friends of New Bedford 21.50

[illegible] 9.00

" Friends of Swansea Monthly Meeting [illegible]

" " " Jamaica, Mass	7.11
" " " Rhode Island Mo Mtg	31.50
" " " Vicq & Lee	1.00
" " " R.I. " "	3.70
" " " East Union Mass " "	19.52
" " " Hopedale " "	7.25
" " " Lynn " "	11.11
" " " Friends of North Union N.H.	1.00
	$297.49

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1885 Paid Emeline H. Tuttle, for Miss Johnson's teaching Superv.	92.00
" John H. Wilson, for his wife's use in the Hospital.	10.00
" Emeline H. Tuttle, for Miss Johnson's expenses Morrison to Lyn.	25.00
" Francis Hallowell, for needle, provisions &c, Miss H. Packard,	4.00
" " " to pay for a stove,	10.00
" Frank Mosher, use at Oak Grove,	25.00
" Ellen H. Calvert, for use of Miss Johnson	25.00
" Emeline H. Tuttle, for the benefit of Lizzie Superviso (Indian)	11.00
" Mary E. Fox, for Frank Mosher's use	2.00
" Emeline H. Tuttle, for Lizzie Superviso's use	30.00
Balance	92.49
	$297.49

Anthony M. Kimber
Treasurer.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same Committee continued for service another year, with the addition of Hannah J. Bailey. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to raise subscriptions to aid the Committee in their labors as last year. The sum of $91.78 was raised by voluntary contributions, now placed in the hands of the Committee. [illegible] Ellen H. Calvert, Augustus Jones, Rebecca Tuttle, Mary J. Fox, Mary E. Mosher, Joseph B. Fox, Anthony M. Kimber, Ann C. Tuttle, Emeline H. Tuttle, Lydia Frances H. Bailey, Sarah D. Brown, Mary L. Mosher, Sarah J. Swift, Francis L. Jones, Elizabeth H. Nichols, Mary E. Winslow, Annie M. Gove and Hannah J. Bailey.

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14. The Committee on Education have prepared their Annual Report as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Education present the following Report:-

We have not been unmindful of the important duty devolved on them as Appointees; but circumstances have prevented us from giving it the time and attention that its importance demands.

A Conference was held in the Committee Room at Oak Grove Seminary, and was a season of great interest and profit. It was largely attended, and many young Teachers have spoken to us of the benefit they believe they received from it.

Several attempts have been made to hold such Conferences on different parts of the Yearly Meeting, but they have been frustrated by sickness and other causes.

Letters containing valuable suggestions and important facts have been received from different Committees, indicating an increasing interest amongst us in the subject of a liberal education.

We believe that Conferences should be held in each Quarterly Meeting, at least once in the year, where the general subject of Education should be discussed, and the practical details, also, should be presented. We would suggest that the Quarterly Meetings be requested to appoint Committees to co-operate with the Committee of the Yearly Meeting, by appointing the time for such Conferences and by circulating such other information as they may be able to do to assure success.

We wish to repeat the conviction expressed by us in our Report last year, that if Parents and guardians desire to attend acceptably before our Heavenly Father concerning the important trust committed to them, they must see to it that the children are placed at schools where they will be surrounded by such religious influences as will tend to establish a higher type of Christian Manhood and womanhood.

Slightly to alter the present standing [illegible]

to say that we believe no other religious organization is better adapted than our own to develop this high type of Christian character; consequently, we hope that [illegible] as far forth as it is practicable, will [illegible] under the care and influence of Friends.

We would suggest also, that Quarterly Meetings, when they [illegible] Yearly Meeting, [illegible] in addition to the information now obtained, to obtain [illegible] annually to the Yearly Meeting the number of children of school age in each Meeting, the number between the ages of twelve and eighteen, the number attending school, and number attending schools taught or controlled by Friends.

In regard to the subject referred to us last Year, namely, "The formation of a Yearly Meeting Library," we have given some thought and attention to the same. We find that copies of old books, [illegible] Journals, &c, [illegible] by the Society of Friends, and named in Joseph Smith's Catalogue, can be procured for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars. Desirable as it would be for us to have a library containing these, we do not feel like taking the responsibility at this time of expressing an opinion as to the advisability of taking steps in this direction.

We trust the Yearly Meeting will continue to manifest an interest in the education of its children.

While we had no occasion to draw upon the fund appropriated to our use last year, we would propose that the same amount (one hundred dollars), be appropriated this year, from which a [illegible] may draw, if needed, to pay for [illegible] for work.

On behalf of the Committee

Charles H. Jones,
Augustine Jones,
Myra E. Frye.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and the same Committee continued for service another year. The suggestions of the Committee are adopted, and Quarterly Meetings are [illegible] to carry them into effect upon the

[illegible] of this minute. The Committee o[illegible]
are Augustine Jones, Caroline Jones, of Deerings Mills
Anna S. Hall, Charles H. Jones, Ruthanna H. Nichols,
Thomas Upton, Sarah B. Pugh, Julia Townsend Briggs, Rhoda H.
Hamilton, Sarah A. Mosher and Gertrude M. Hallowell.

45. In consequence of the absence of Joseph K. Pennington
the Secretary of the Standing Committee on Finance
from this Monthly Meeting, the Representatives
from that Meeting first Day Timothy S. Harvey to
fill the Office in that capacity, which is approved by this Meeting.

46. The Committee having the care of Oak Grove
Seminary the past year, presented their Second
Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

Your Committee, appointed last year
to have the care of Oak Grove Seminary, in presenting
the Second Annual Report, do so with a deep sense
of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his manifest
blessing upon the School during the past year.
The School has been continued under the care of
our efficient Principal, Charles H. Jones, with an able
corps of Assistants. The School year just closed has
been one of unusual interest and satisfaction.
The average attendance for each of the three Terms
has been nearly eighty-three.

Autumn Term, there were	46 Boys,	49 girls,
Winter " " "	39 "	26 "
Spring " " "	53 "	35 "
Total	248 Scholars.	

The religious meetings, which have been held on First and
Fifth day evenings, have been attended by the pupils with
increasing interest. During the Spring Term, especially
the guiding and controlling power of the Holy Spirit
was powerfully manifest. The Principal reports 18
scholars giving satisfactory evidence of conversion
during the year, and a much larger number
have publicly declared in religious experience,
which have become more firmly established in the

[illegible] which is a cause for praise and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father.

The health of the School has been unusually good throughout the year. No serious sickness has occurred in the case of Teachers or Pupils. Miss Lamps, who became ill, soon after the Session opened, was obliged to resign her position, and much as all regretted the necessity, it was thought best by herself and her friends, for her to return to the Indian Territory. Her earnest, patient effort to acquire knowledge, her simple, childlike faith, and her shining Christian character, have endeared her to the entire School, Teachers and pupils, and we part from her with regret.

The gift from a friend of nine hundred dollars, [illegible] and Agassiz, is very highly appreciated, also several liberal donations in money and books for the Library. A demand having arisen during the past year for better advantages for those desiring to prepare themselves in as short time as possible for remunerative life, it was thought best to open in connection with the Seminary a thoroughly equipped Business College. At the beginning of the Spring Term this was done. The success of the enterprise has been very gratifying. Charles Fletcher, a practical teacher of experience, was secured as principal. He is sparing no pains to make this department (which is under the same general management as the Seminary, of which it is a part), equal to the best Colleges of the kind in the State. So many applications came in for the Autumn Term, that steps had to be taken at once to provide suitable School-room accommodations. Seats were procured for the new School building, and placed temporarily in the old Gymnasium, which was fitted up for that purpose, and the Autumn Term held in it.

A new Seminary building was erected during the year, and was opened with appropriate dedicatory exercises, at the beginning of the Winter Term.

This structure, named "Boarding Hall" is 40×60 feet, three stories high, with basement. Besides [illegible] for boys and girls, [illegible] occupy the basement. The first floor contains one of the finest School-rooms in the State, with [illegible]

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and Library adjoining. The second and third floors contain pleasant chambers for the accommodation of 60 pupils. A tower at the west end of the building holds a fine bell, the gift of a former student of Oak Grove Seminary. Each chamber has been supplied with a good, plain wash chamber set, including wardrobe, mattress, and pillows. A steam heating apparatus, with the latest improvements, has been put in, giving abundance of heat to all parts of the building. The total cost of the Seminary Building, including steam heating apparatus, and chamber sets, was $7,700.52.

To meet this amount, aid was solicited from Friends and others within the limits of the Yearly Meeting. We want to express our thanks to our Heavenly Father for putting it into so many hearts to respond to our call, and give cheerfully of their means, thus giving our Committee the privilege of presenting the Institution free from debt, and a small amount in the Treasury.

It is with regret we record the death of our friend, Eborzer Lapp, one of the five original founders of the Seminary, in 1847. From the beginning until the time of his death, his interest in the School was unabated.

Tuition

The expenses of any pupil, for board, tuition, instrument, heating, lighting, washing, etc., shall not exceed $150.00 per school year.

The Tuition and one half the board must be paid at the opening, and the balance at the middle of each term.

All applications should be made to Almeda E. Jones, Principal Oak Grove Seminary, Buxton Center, Maine.

Instructors.

Almeda E. Jones, Principal. Mathematics and Language.
E. Elizabeth Jones, Matron. English Branches
Almeda Fields, Principal of Commercial Department
Charles L. Jacobs A.B. Classical Department.
Ellen A. Winslow, Normal Department.
Emma J. Carland, Primary Department.

Hattie L. Hartley, Elocution.
Dorothy A. Weeks, Drawing and Painting
Lillian A. Goodland
Emma J. Gaillard } Assistants in English and Primary
Hattie L. Jones } Departments.

Calendar.

1886 Fall Term begins, Third day 9th month 24th
" " closes, Sixth day 11th month 12th
Recess of one week
Winter Term begins, Third day, 11th mo 23d
1887 " " closes, Sixth day, 2nd mo 11th
Recess of one week
Spring Term begins, Third day, 2nd mo 22d
" " closes, Sixth day, 5th mo 13th
Vacation.

Fall Term of School year 1887-88 begins Third day 9th mo 24th

Written examinations at the close of each term. Public examination and graduation exercises at the close of the Spring Term.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee
Charles M. Jones
Clerk.

Newport 6th Month 1886.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts.

6th mo 25th 1885 Cash on hand	$262.92
9th " 25th " Received from Rhode Island Income	700.00
Total amount received by subscription	6,270.56
	$9,233.48

Expenditures

Paid C. M. Jones, for current expenses of School	$225.00
" S. Taber, repairs of Gymnasium	106.53
" premium on insurance	100.00
" J. & J. Philbrook, for furnishing heating and ventilating Seminary building	5,781.90
" A. A. Sanborn, Mason work, &c	97.00
" W. H. Sanborn & Co, furniture	562.40
" for plan of building and specifications	100.17
" seats and black-boards	200.00
Amount carried over	8,093.00

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Amount brought over.	$ 93.01
Price freight bill	2.98
" for grading and building road	84.20
" Temporary loan	1.000.00
Amount in hands of Treasurer	1.30
	$ 9,233 48

Amount in hands of Treasurer of the Sybil Jones Fund $1[illegible].66

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting. The Committee now under appointment is continued for service another year, with the exception of Eliza Frye, deceased, and the addition of Alfred H. Jones, Joseph E. Briggs is appointed Treasurer. A Contribution was entered into in open Meeting to add to the Sybil Jones Fund, referred to in the Report, the sum of $ 1[illegible].84 was extended and directed to be placed in the hands of the Committee, who are Thomas R. Bailey, Eli Jones, C. Irving Bailey, Charles H. Jones, Augustine Jones, Joseph E. Briggs, Benjamin B. Hussey, John J. Frye, Joseph T. Richardson, Ezra Carter, John C. Coffman, Timothy B. Harvey, Arthur Tabor, Rowland E. Jones, John F. Chase, Alfred H. Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, Susan S. Thompson, Myra E. Frye, Huldah H. Leighton, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Mary C. Richardson, Harriet C. Hoxie, S. Jane Cox, Emily D. Collins, Mary W. Jones of Newport, Mary Ann Hoxie, Julia C. Winslow, Emma S. Briggs, C. Alice Jones, Mary E. Tabor and Sarah Mosher.

Treasurer, Joseph E. Briggs, of Winthrop, Maine.

47. The Committee on Gospel Work presented the following request, which is referred to the Committee on Finance, and is as follows, Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

Dear friends:— The Committee on Gospel Work, now under appointment, is united in asking that an appropriation of [illegible] dollars be made by the Meeting, for the use of this Committee in the further prosecution of the service entrusted to it.

For the Committee.

[illegible]

Newport 6th Mo 15th, 1886. Secretary.

We minute to meet the Friends appointed to manage Meeting at 11 o'clock.

Fourth day Morning, the 16th. The Meeting resumed its sitting at adjournment.

48. The Committee on Peace have presented their Annual Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your Committee on Peace are unable to render a report satisfactory to themselves.

We have done but very little during the last year, as a Committee; but as individuals we have endeavored to do something to aid the cause, by the dissemination of Peace literature.

The expense of this has been largely borne by private liberality, only a small fraction of the amount appropriated by the Yearly Meeting last year having been expended.

We would suggest the propriety of the appointment of a new Committee, and would ask for an appropriation of twenty-five dollars to aid them in their work.

On behalf of the Committee
Charles M. Jones.
Samuel R. Huffington.
M. Elizabeth Jones.

The Report is satisfactory to this Meeting. The same Committee is continued for service another year, with the exception of Hannah L. Way, Nora Livingston and Lizzie Kenworthy, the Committee now Charles M. Jones, Benjamin F. Reynolds, Wm. C. Tuttle, Samuel R. Huffington, Eli Jones, Mark J. Swift, Anna F. Hall, M. Elizabeth Jones and Annie M. Kay.

49. At a meeting of the Representatives, in which an harmonious sense of responsibility, and renewed spirit of prayer prevailed, it was concluded to recommend to the Yearly Meeting the appointment of the following named Friends, to constitute a Representative Meeting for the ensuing year, viz: Samuel R. Huffington, Elbert K. Huffman, Lewis Dicus, Virginia C. Vail, George Haviland, Jr., Anna E. Wood, Reuben T. Jones, Eli Jones,

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[illegible] Hannah J. Bailey, William C. Newhall, James C. Inman, [illegible] Trude W. Cartland, Anthony M. Kimber, Augustine [illegible] Augustus T. Cox, S. Jane Cox, Sarah F. Tobey, William Thompson, Susan S. Thompson, Olney T. Meader, Daniel [illegible] Penfield, [illegible], Emma N. Howden, [illegible] Thomas [illegible] Tripp, [illegible], Elyza E. Page, Harriet [illegible] Clifton J. Page.

Daniel C. Penfield,
Newport 6th Mo 15th 1886. Clerk.

The report is satisfactory, and the Friends [illegible] are appointed to compose a Representative Meeting [illegible]

[illegible] to the [illegible] of this Society, now or formerly residing in the British Provinces, made the following Report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your Committee have endeavored to rightly perform the duties of their appointment, and in so doing, have added much comfort to our worthy life.

[illegible] visits made, almost [illegible] by one or more Members of the Committee, [illegible] source of much comfort to the visited, aside from the [illegible] and for all of this kind gratitude is felt and expressed on the part of the recipient. Truly it is blessed to give even a cup of cold water to [illegible] one, and is made thankful with the hope of soon passing over.

The appropriation, with more than an equal amount added, has been used at different times, as [illegible] the Meeting. And an appropriation of $50.00

For the Committee
Newport 6th Mo 14th 1886. B. F. [illegible]

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same Committee is continued for service another year. The Committee are Benjamin F. Rhoades, Richard J. Dicks, George Richardson, Thomas A. Nichols and Rachel B. Nichols.

51. The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, &c., have attended their appointment, and Report as follows, Viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

Treasurer's General Account.

Receipts.

Balance from last year's account.			$ 1,735.86
Rents of Tenements sold.			21.00
Dividends National Eagle Bank, Providence.			75.00
Interest on $600.00 in N. B. Five cents Savings Bank.			25.50
Rhode Island Yearly Meeting.			920.00
Salem	"	"	680.00
Sandwich	"	"	1,400.00
Falmouth	"	"	160.00
Smithfield	"	"	200.00
Nassaweo	"	"	200.00
Easton	"	"	766.00
Fairfield	"	"	771.00
			$ 5,856.60

Payments.

Expenses of yearly Meeting at Portland, 1885			$ 1,011.00
Recording			60.00
Printing			346.00
Postage			25.00
Insurance			8.75
Alterations and Repairs—Meeting House & Newport			1,300.00
Appointed Executive Committee on Indians			393.00
Committee on Bible Schools.			79.77
" " Foreign Missions			200.00
" " Publications			164.34
" " Temperance &c.			200.00
" " Business in Yearly Meeting			30.00
Expressing, Postage &c.			6.83
Balance loan in Providence Savings			976.82
			$ 5,856.60

We recommend that $ 6000 be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year and nominate for the Committee for the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting

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and Thomas Hoskins for Treasurer of the Monthly Meeting Schools Funds.

To the Committee

Clear Spring

Hartford Co. 8th 2nd 1886.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting and we conclude to raise the sum of four Hundred Dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and George Cartwright Jr. is appointed Treasurer, and Thomas Hoskins is appointed Treasurer of the Monthly School Funds. The several Monthly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their proportion of the sum subscribed, and the Meeting also desires that it be paid into the Treasury on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

2nd. The Committee on Finance report as follows, Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:

We recommend that the appropriations from the Meeting the ensuing year shall be as follows, Viz:-

For the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs.	$[illegible]
" Bible Schools.	[illegible]
" Foreign Missions.	[illegible]
" Freedmen.	900.
" Aid to Friends in British Provinces.	[illegible]
" Temperance.	150.
" Peace.	[illegible]
" Education.	100.
" North Carolina Mission.	50.
" Gospel Work.	[illegible]
	$2.9 [illegible]

The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the above appropriations are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for such sums as they may need in the prosecution of their various concerns, not exceeding the amount appropriated to each, the Committee was [illegible] R. Ruffin Dare, George Cartwright Jr., Augustus J. Cox, Richard Bailey, William A. Jones, Timothy H. Kinsey and Levi Jones.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. The minutes read pursuant to adjournment.

53. Epistles to London, Ireland, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings, and four Epistles to New York Yearly Meeting, and Nantucket Monthly Meeting, were read and approved; the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to their Meetings respectively.

54. This and the Vermont Yearly Meeting concludes to leave the Minutes of both Meetings printed; and the Clerk's are directed to cause an edition of two thousand five hundred copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their several proportions, and Edwin Evans and John Elwood Hoge are appointed a committee with them in the accomplishment of the work.

55. The Clerk is authorized to sign, on our behalf, the following Minute for our friend Rebecca Collins, viz:- "Rebecca Collins attended this Meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us"; and similar ones for Joseph Knowles, Sarah W. Longdon, Wm. H. Pearson, Jesse McPherson, John P. Pennington, John Darby, Samuel Scott and Mary J. E. Chaffee.

56. The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following Minute for our friend, Daniel T. Jones, viz: - "Daniel T. Jones, attended this Meeting. His company has been acceptable to us." and a similar one for Mary E. Walton.

57. We appoint the following Committee to see to all the necessary arrangements for holding religious Meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as may seem right; also to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, who now are or may then be under appointment, viz:- Samuel R. Griffith, Levi Jones, Eli Jones, Thomas Wood, Augustus F. Cox, George Dougherty, Jesse Hawkes, Charles M. Jones, Sarah W. Richardson, Phebe L. Hyndman, Hannah J. Bailey, L. Jane Cox and Robert L. Gifford.

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58. On account of the use of tobacco we [illegible]
and a very earnest exercise rests upon us
[illegible]

The habit is shown to be not only offensive,
wasting money that should be better employed, but
also very injurious, physically, morally and in
[illegible], the evil effects sometimes being up
parent for generations.

Ministers and Elders were tenderly
reminded of their duty to be clean, as they bear the
vessels of the Lord. While the aged, who have long
been addicted to the habit, should be very tenderly
approached upon the subject, yet the grace of the
Lord Jesus Christ was shown by several striking
incidents to be sufficient even for the removal
of the appetite in those who trust Him for deliver
ance.

[illegible] were further also [illegible]
[illegible] of example in influencing those who are young;
and for the sake of the rising generation they were
encouraged to abandon the habit, even though it cost
mental and physical suffering.

The Meeting was very affectionately [illegible]
[illegible] on uniting testimony against
the use of tobacco in every form.

59. Whilst we gathered at the opening of this Yearly Meeting
with feelings somewhat saddened by witnessing the
many vacant seats which have been so long and so
fully occupied by beloved Friends, some of whom [illegible]
to the call, "Come up higher", and are now, as
reverently believe "forever with the Lord", others,
through varied infirmities of body and circumstances
of life, have been prevented from being with us this
year; still we can thankfully acknowledge that the
Lord's presence and power have been [illegible]
[illegible] amongst us from session to session,
giving the spirit of wisdom to discern, and of
judgment to decide; so that we believe the ef-
[illegible] of "Lord and Master",
[illegible]

[illegible] Meeting [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] of the Yearly Meeting [illegible]
the weighty and important affairs of the Church, we feel,
in His Name, the replenishing of His presence with the refresh-
ing and strengthening of our own hearts.

We remain, desiring a
place again at Settlement, Affectionately Your Friends and
Gospel Friend, and yours, if the Lord permits.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William O. Newhall
Clerk

The Correspondence of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for
New England was [illegible] George Rotch for New Bedford, Ruth
Ralph Earlham, Nantucket, Ezra

Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England 6th Month 1836

To London.

Dear friends

We are once more privileged to meet in our annual assembly.

Your [illegible] loving Epistle has been received and its reading has cheered and comforted our hearts. We appreciate your words of sympathy and interest.

Epistles from the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond have also been received and read. We rejoice that in all these fraternal greetings we discern the influence of the Spirit of our one Lord and Savior-cementing us in love and uniting us in labor.

The reports of our Committees on Gospel Work, Home and Foreign Missions, Free Schools and Temperance, have been very encouraging, indicating as they do, faithfulness in work, and fruitfulness in result. A living Church must be a working Church. The Macedonian cry should never be sounded in vain.

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The response of every sincere follower should be
"Holy Ghost and Spirit Come".
The blessing of our Holy Head has rested visibly
upon us from Sitting to Sitting of the Yearly Meeting.
While we may not always be able to unite in
sentiment with each other in particular matters, yet
the sweet oil of brotherly love and Christian
consideration has again and again quieted the
troubled waves and we are able to say with the Psalmist,
"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

The receipt of your General Printed Epistle of this year in time for its reading before one of our joint sessions has been marked as a special favor from our Heavenly Father. The hour of its perusal and consideration was one of unusual baptism in the truth, and we rejoiced that the breadth and depth of a great ocean cannot separate us from the loving heart of the Church, as the priest-hood of believers continues to recognize the Head-ship of Christ. We desire ever to be found loyal to the important and distinctive doctrines of the Gospel as held by our forefathers and received from them by us.

In the important matters now claiming the attention of your Government, we desire that Friends should so abide in Christ the vine as that their influence for good may be felt in the present and future as in the past. "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people". Much of the civil and religious liberty now enjoyed in the civilized world, is the result of the unwavering, uncompromising loyalty of our early Friends, to those principles which we believe lie at the basis of all good government in either Church or State.

As new issues are presented to us, may we [illegible] in the same wisdom, in the same spirit of discernment, and with the same spirit of loyalty to God.

In the love of the everlasting Gospel we are your friends.

signed on behalf of the meeting

William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Ireland.

Dear friends.

It is comforting to believe that the children of the Lord can rely upon His promises, they being given for that purpose.

The good Shepherd of the flock, after laying down his life for the sheep, and taking it again, will not forsake them in the hour of impending dangers; but will watch over the faithful, and be confiding for their good. Christian sympathy springs from Christian love, and gives comfort and strength in times of trouble.

We are aware of the unhappy condition of affairs in your country; but the believers of the Lord have a strong tower in Him, to which they can flee and be safe. Trust Him to remove these calamities or give strength to bear them.

The various branches in which we are engaged — the Foreign and Home Missions, Education among the Freedmen and the Indians, and the Temperance cause, are all in a condition manifesting that our Labors have not been in vain.

We rejoice that we as well as you are laboring for the extinction of the liquor traffic; a prolific source of ignorance, poverty and much family suffering of pauperism and crime.

The decease of fifteen of our aged Ministers and Elders, beloved in the Lord, has occurred during the past year, and it forcibly reminds us of the need of earnestly looking to our Master for help to labor faithfully in His vineyard, so that when we are called to give up our stewardship it may be with joy and not with grief.

The oftener we draw near to the Lord Jesus in spirit and resign ourselves entirely to Him, the more we shall love to be thus engaged; and we shall find our ability for service increased until the five talents become ten.

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It is comforting to know that there is an increasing number of statesmen & other leading and enlightened minds both in Europe and America who look with increasing favor upon settling International disputes in Courts of Arbitration. This is encouraging to lovers of Peace.

It would be well for all in the common work of life to labor among their associates to create an enlightened understanding favorable to securing the great blessing that would come to the Nations of earth from Peace.

The Brethren in the Lord Jesus are not only required to live consistently good lives, but to labor to promote righteousness in the earth, that temperance, Peace and other similar subjects may abound so that the advance of our civilization to a higher standard may be realized.

The Church has an experience of its own, and is a shining light in the world as each member is concerned to know Christ abiding in the heart by His spirit; and in this we have a common life to be increased by any additional testimony.

And now dear Friends let us be in earnest and intelligently active in our duties; in our Meetings; in our families and in our more private habitations, that we may know our fellowship to be with the Lord and one with another in Him. In this union we can say blessed be His name forever. Farewell in this fellowship.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

William C. Newhall
Clerk.

To New York, Joint Epistle.

Dear friends.

Grace be to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. In the economy of grace those who constitute the Church of Christ are not only to be "fellow-helpers to the truth" but "laborers together with God", and we have [illegible]

to appreciate more fully these blessed privileges as we have received your words of friendly greeting, so fraught with hope and encouragement, and cementing our hearts together in the bonds of Christian fellowship. The anointed messengers of the Lord have been faithful in the proclamation of salvation through the atoning Blood of Jesus, and in declaring the doctrine of the personality of the Holy Ghost, and a necessity of a baptism with the same as a qualification for the service of God. The interest manifested in the Meetings for worship, demonstrates the fact that the great want of the people, and the great need of the Church, is the faithful preaching of the Gospel under a divine anointing of the Spirit, that gives discernment for "rightly dividing the word of truth". It is only when we are converted to God that we can be living members in the Church of Christ, and understand the revelation of His love and the largeness of His purposes. God designs that these shall go forward to a better understanding of His will and know that all the powers, faculties and passions are crucified to the world and bent heavenward.

The value of searching the Scriptures has been especially emphasized. The Gospel is symetrical throughout, and we need to study not only one phase of its teachings but get all its doctrines in our hearts. As we comprehend God's will as revealed in His written word, and receive a baptism of love, our eyes will not only be closed to all that would mar, but enable us to discern "whatsoever things are lovely" in the character of those with whom we mingle.

We rejoice in every avenue for service open to you and to us. It is important to have a knowledge of what God is doing in different fields that there may be a partnership alike of help and of blessing. Subjects in which we have a common interest with you, have had their due share of attention. The Women's Foreign Missionary Society is developing in means, influence and efficiency, and we are much encouraged by its report to the Yearly Meeting. We have added an Indian department to our Foreign work this year.

Our whole spiritual life has been quickened by a rapid growth of a mission-

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any spirit among us. Taking for our motto "The whole world for Christ" we joyfully enter the new fields for usefulness opened to us in unexpected places.

We can truly say that the cause of Temperance is progressing. Much has been done within our own borders especially among the young. Within the past year a law has been passed in Massachusetts making "Scientific Temperance Instruction" compulsory in the public schools of the state, and a "Prohibitory Amendment" to the Constitution has been secured in Rhode Island, for which we praise the Lord. We feel encouraged to put on strength in the name of the Lord and go forward.

We feel that you will share with us an interest in the touching circumstances attending the death of our Indian brother, Frank Modoc, a beloved member and minister of our Society, receiving his education at our Boarding School at Oak Grove, Maine. He was endeavoring by patient study to fit himself for a missionary to his own people, but his health failing, he died while on his journey home, at the house of a Friend in Portland. He was willing and ready to depart to his heavenly home and died in the joy of the Christian faith. At the same hour as the funeral was held at Portland, a memorial service was conducted in the Yearly Meeting House at Newport. While the beautiful simplicity of his faith and the integrity of his Christian life were dwelt upon, to many of us came back the look and attitude of this chieftain, and pride of his people, who bowed himself to the mild sceptre of the Prince of Peace, and walked thenceforth with the same serene majesty of one who had heard a voice saying, "Thou shalt be called no more Jacob but Israel". We feel his memory will be a legacy to our Yearly Meeting, and that the work among our Indian tribes, is afresh laid and sealed upon our hearts.

In our salutation of love to you we recall what the Lord has wrought during the year that is passed, and look forward with an unshaken faith, in His power to bring the Churches throughout

all the land to an experience where they may "have rest and be edified, and walking in the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Ghost be multiplied."

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall
"Anna G. Wood" } Clerks

To Baltimore.

Dear friends.

In acknowledging your acceptable Epistle of 1885, we salute you in Bonds of Christian fellowship, made precious by our united acceptance of the "One Lord, one faith and one baptism"

We have been reminded that "the Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob." and your reference to pastoral work and building up some of your small Meetings, quickened us to a sense of responsibility as to our Home Mission field.

We have a goodly heritage and the Lord who brought our forefathers to this country to endure and suffer so much for His sake, comes to this vine of His planting to find fruit. May we testify by our faithfulness the reason for our existence as a distinct branch of His living Church.

An unusual favor has been granted this year in the reception of the London General Epistle of 1886. It arrived in time to be read in one of our joint sessions, and the Holy Spirit wonderfully baptized our assembly in the truth, during its consideration. We realized that the depth and breadth of a great ocean could not separate us from the deep heart of love in our Church, and the deeper ocean of our Father's love seemed nearer to our own hearts.

Our Meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was deeply interesting on account of the report given us by two of our workers who visited the Island of Jamaica during three months of the past year.

The funeral occasion of our Indian brother, Frank Modoc, was observed by us in a Meeting held

the same hour as his burial at Portland, Me. where he died at the home of a Friend. With thankful heart we remember his quiet Christian deportment, his testimony of the lip for Jesus, and his tenderness of spirit while with us at our Meeting last year.

We miss the faces and voices of other dear friends whose seats are vacant, yet the promise has been good in its fulfilment "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee".

Finally brethren, be strong and of a good courage, knowing it is with the Lord to bless the few as well as the many, and may the anointing which you have received from Him abide with you forever.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

William C. Newhall
Clerk.

To North Carolina

Dear friends.

Your acceptable epistle of last year was received; and the reading of it; and other like fraternal greetings from the band of Yearly Meetings which correspond with us gladdened our hearts, and in this, our response, we can say "One is our Master even Christ and all we are brethren".

By the favor of our gracious Lord we have been enabled to transact the business in His fear and love. The departments of Christian work are increasing, and the fields widening and whitening unto harvest. Our Committee on Gospel work made an interesting report, showing blessed results.

The reports of our Committees on the subjects of Peace, Bible Schools and Foreign Missions were satisfactory and encouraging.

Total abstinence from all that will intoxicate, is a matter that still claims our earnest attention; our energies have not been suffered to slacken, and our prayers have been intensified in behalf of this righteous cause; the labors of our Committee have been fruitful in good

results. It is with thankful hearts that we refer to the fact that an amendment has been made to the Constitution of Rhode Island, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage.

We have reports from the Committees in charge of the Boarding Schools at Providence R. I. and Vassalboro, Maine. The substantial literary training which our children receive at these Institutions, is coupled with sound religious instruction that fits them to take right places in the Church and in the Community.

We have the acceptable company of several ministers from other Yearly Meetings, including two from yours, who have mingled with us in the services of the Church, to our comfort and edification.

We still cherish our long-tested principles, which have their foundation in the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is required of a steward that he be found faithful; and our manifold blessings so graciously vouchsafed by our Father in Heaven should ever incite us to faithfulness and loyalty to Him.

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen".

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

William O. Newhall
Clerk.

To Ohio.

Dear friends.

We have received your epistle of loving remembrance as well as those from all the Yearly Meetings with which we have correspondence and it was read with much interest and we were pleased to learn of your prosperity in the truth, as also your increase in numbers in

which we realize the responsibility it must brin
on the living members to feed and nourish the lam
of the flock.

Doubtless you have had to feel as well as
others, the importance of our members being rightly
trained in the school of Christ, that they may not
be running after the lo theres and the lo theres bu
to be earnestly contending for the faith once delivered
to the saints.

We have had a blessed time together and th
spirit of our loving Lord has seemed to overshadow
us all the way along, and the business of the Meeting
has been conducted with harmony and love.

Our various Committees have brought in reports
of their several operations for the year past and the
results are satisfactory and encouraging.

Our Mission at Brumana is flourishing under the
care of Dr Bashara and the general superintendenc
of Theophilus Waldmeier, and though it requires consid
erable funds to keep it running, we are thankful
that thus far their needs have been supplied.

The Committee having
charge of the Western Indians have some trial to find
the best way of helping them, but as they keep an
eye single to the Master, he is pleased to assist them
in their efforts.

Likewise those in other lines of labor find it profitable
to consult their guide in order to do such work as
will best satisfy their own hearts and bring honor t
His name, for whom it is done.*

And finally brethren may we all b
found walking in the fear of the Lord, with our hearts
firmly fixed on Him, desiring to know and con-
stantly to do His blessed will.

* The cause of Temperance has received our serious
attention and we earnestly desire that all our membe
may be free from the use of all that can intoxica

We have reason to believe that more sin and
misery are brought upon the human family throu
the use of strong drink than from all other sourc
and that the use of tobacco induces many to use
intoxicants, as comparatively few men become

habitual drunkards who did not first use tobacco, a vile habit which has no excuse. "He that taketh not up his cross and followeth me is not worthy of me."

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.
William C. Newhall
Clerk.

To Indiana.

Dear friends.

We are met again in the providence of God, at Newport, that memorable spot in the history of Friends in America.

With grateful hearts we clasp hands once more in friendly greeting, and realize how precious is the fellowship of saints on earth. Each rolling year in the march of time leaves its footprints.

We miss from our ranks many veterans of the cross, who have been noble pillars in the Church, amid the storms and sunshine through which she has passed. And so our greeting reminds us of the reunion in that land where years are not reckoned.

Your labor for the unity of the body and its growth is encouraging to us, and in this we are one, and we join you in earnest effort and fervent prayer to our Holy Head that He will overrule all things to His praise and preserve to us and generations to come the spirituality of the Gospel undimmed by any vail of legalism or ceremony.

Your report of blessing upon your evangelistic work and other branches of christian labor is very encouraging to us, and we are encouraged to press forward in our field of service.

We sometimes think that ours is not as fruitful soil as yours, but with trusting hearts we will labor on, sowing in early morning, in noontide heat, and the evening shade, and trust the Result to Him who alone can give the increase.

Our various Committees present cheering reports, The one on Gospel work shows an in-

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creased number of conversions — on Temperance an advance in the cause — on Bible schools a deepening interest, and in our Missions, more liberal offerings and richer blessings.

We are thankful to our Father in heaven for sending to us in this our time of need, some of your Ministers whose Gospel messages have been very helpful.

Unknown to us are the vicissitudes of the future, but we rejoice that His promise faileth never, and all anxiety is lost in the assurance that the prosperity of the Church is infinitely more precious to Him who knows it all and doeth all things well.

Finally brethren farewell in the Lord.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Western

Dear friends.

Your Epistle as well as those from other Yearly Meetings with their warm expressions of warm Christian fellowship have been very comforting to us. These together with the presence of visiting brethren in the ministry have strengthened the bond that unites us.

We are forcibly impressed with the advantages and blessings which arise from the close union thus formed of the great body of Friends, in our mutual efforts to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom.

We gladly note your increased interest in Home and Foreign Missions, and especially your new work in Mexico.

The reports at this time from our interests in Mount Lebanon — among the Freedmen — and the Indians, have been very gratifying, and such as to engage our increasing interest and sympathy in these directions.

We have had public Meetings during the week in behalf of Bible Schools—Temperance and Foreign Missions, all of which have been profitable and favorable to their respective interests.

The labors of our Committee on Gospel work have been blessed in the gathering of many souls, and the building up of believers in many of the Meetings throughout our limits.

We rejoice with you in all the holy activities of the Church moving under the constraining love of Christ to gather souls to Him. That this is the definite and imperative work before us has been earnestly taught, and we trust humbly and heartily accepted by many at this time.

Our Meetings have been held under a precious covering of Divine love in which we salute you.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William O. Newhall
Clerk

To Iowa.

Dear friends.

We gratefully acknowledge the goodness of our Heavenly Father in permitting us to gather in our Annual Meeting and to transact the business that has come before us in harmony and in the love of the Gospel.

Our attendance has been smaller than usual, and the visitors from other Yearly Meetings have been few compared with other years; but we trust their living words of counsel and encouragement have fallen like precious seed on good ground—into honest hearts, which have treasured it up and will carry it to those at home less fortunate than ourselves, to impart to them also the benefits of this time of refreshing.

We are in receipt of Epistles from all the

Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, which were read in the early part of our Meeting. The subjects alluded to in them awakened a corresponding interest in our hearts and your loving words and tender sympathy have strengthened us to go forward doing with our might that which our hands have found to do.

We have prayerfully considered the subjects of Peace and Arbitration and while we do regret the present state of affairs in Ireland we have not felt Pharisaical over the condition of our own country for we know not the day nor the hour when some discordant element may present itself by which our principles may be tested to the uttermost.

The reports of the different committees having the charge of the two Schools directly under the care of this Yearly Meeting indicate an advance in educational progress.

Very encouraging reports come from our Missionary Committee both from the Home and Foreign fields. More than four times the amount of money has been raised this year by the Womens Foreign Missionary Society than in the preceeding year as one of the results of our efforts to obey the injunction "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature".

We were forcibly reminded in reading the different loving Epistles that the subject of Temperance claims the attention of nearly all the Yearly Meetings and that one (North Carolina) associates the evil of Tobacco with that of Intemperance. For many years we have been combatting intemperance and not considering the other evil — but we now find them livin weapons of our common enemy and that we cannot successfully fight them singly. Many of our children have signed the triple pledge, and classes have been formed, where the effects of Alcohol upon the human system have been taught; thereby laying a solid foundation in this direction.

Our New England Yearly Meeting embraces the territory of all the New England states east of the Connecticut River, and an amendment has been made in the constitution of two of them prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage within their borders. We congratulate you upon the success of your efforts in this direction

The report of our Gospel Committee has greatly cheered our hearts. We rejoice to know the work has been blessed to the conversion of many precious souls to Christ and to the establishment of the Church in the ever blessed truths of the Gospel.

Finally Brethren be of good cheer looking unto Him who holds us in the hollow of His hand, and listening to His voice - then go forward "in every good word and work", under the leadership of Him to whom belongs alike the workers and the work, and who will qualify those whom He calls, for the place He designs them to fill, some to sow and some to reap, "that both sower and reaper may rejoice together.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Canada

Dear friends.

We salute you in brotherly kindness and sympathy, and feel the uniting bond, which makes us one great family connected together by the love which is in Christ Jesus.

We gratefully acknowledge your expression of kindness, and feel strengthened by it to persevere in the work of the Church.

We have been much exercised on the subject of Temperance, and feel, while much has been done to advance the work, that the call is loud for more earnest and persistent efforts in this field of labor.

Our hearts have been cheered by the

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amendment recently made to the constitution of the State in which we are now assembled prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage and the evident awakening among the people, of an earnest purpose to resist the evil which darkens so many homes.

Other branches of christian work have claimed the attention of many of our members, and their labors have been attended with a good degree of success.

Our prayer is that the Master may raise up more laborers in His vineyard, and that His cause may prosper still more and more.

We have at this time been greatly encouraged and sustained, by the presence of Gospel messengers from other Yearly Meetings, who have preached the glad tidings in their fullness and broken up, we trust, the fallow ground in many hearts. "Finally brethren, Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William O. Newhall
Clerk

To Kansas.

Dear friends.

Your Epistle of salutation and love has been read to our comfort and satisfaction. We have not with us so many of our Friends from the eastern part of New England as we might wish, but believing that it is with the Lord to bless the few or the many, we turn our minds to the business of the Church asking wisdom of Him who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not.

In reading the Epistles this year, addressed to us we rejoiced in the fellowship of saints and in the unity and prosperity of the Church.

We were brought into sympathy with the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland, and we felt like uniting our prayers with theirs and yours, that the Lord will overrule all to the best good of His cause and the blessing of His Church.

Looking over the field for the past year we thank our heavenly Father that His blessing has made fruitful the labors of his children. We realize the need of more of the power of the Holy Ghost to make us efficient in the work called for at our hands.

The reports of our Standing Committees bring before us the needs of their various departments, and also report some progress.

Several of our workers have visited the island of Jamaica during the past year and their report is of deep interest and encouragement to us.

Efforts are being made to better fit for usefulness those who are teaching in our Bible Schools.

A Meeting was held at the same hour as the funeral of our Indian Brother Frank Modoc, who died at the home of a friend in Portland, Maine, during the sessions of this Yearly Meeting. We feel that you can unite with us in the belief that his prospect for service as a Christian teacher to his people has been changed for the realities of a higher service in the Church triumphant. While we praise the Lord for this evidence of salvation to the uttermost, fervent prayers have been offered that his people, and especially his orphan boy Elwood Now at school may be richly blessed in the fulness of Christ.

We praise God for the work he has enabled us to do the past year and for the Christian counsel and fellowship of this gathering.

May God bless you and us, in his vineyard, for the coming year; that we may

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fulfil "his command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature".

"Finally brethren, grace be to you, and peace from God our father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall
Clerk

To Bunnana Monthly Meeting, Mt-Lebanon.

Dear friends.

As we have come together at this time we have been favored to realize in a remarkable degree our oneness in the Lord, We have felt that in uniting our efforts in His service we have been very closely drawn together, and our hearts have overflowed with love to oneanother and to the world.

We have been filled with thankfulness that we have a part in the Mission of our blessed Lord, for as the Father sent Him into the world for a witness to the people so He has sent us into the world as His witnesses. Our prayer is that He will fill us with His spirit and endue us with power from on high.

While thus enjoying the sweetness of Christian intercourse, our hearts have turned to you in loving remembrance and sympathy, and earnest desires have arisen that, while you are deprived of a like precious privilege, you may realize of being gathered at our dear Master's table, and of partaking of that fine bread and drinking of the fountain of Life, that you with us may be strengthened and refreshed.

We greatly miss the presence of our aged father in the Church, Eli Jones, dear to you and to us, on whom

the infirmities of years rest somewhat heavily. We are assured however that his love for, and interest in the Mission on Mount Lebanon is unabated, and that his prayers ascend with ours to the throne of Grace for your prosperity in all thing.

Though it is not our lot to be personally engaged in the Mission work in heathen lands, it is our privilege to aid you by our sympathy, prayers and means.

We thankfully acknowledge that in seeking to help others, we have ourselves been blessed and many of us are aroused to the truth that every Christian heart has in some way a part in obeying the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature".

As he who seeks for earthly happiness as an end entirely fails in the pursuit, so he that seeks a knowledge of God that he may enjoy a selfish sense of security, fails to enter into the joy of our Lord whose Mission it was, to seek and to save that which was lost.

May we all strive to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed.

With a salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

William C. Newhall
"Anna G. Wood" } Clerks